

RG 104 Entry 22

Box 3

July 28, 1932 To September 16, 1932

**Copies of Letters sent to the Director from
the Superintendent of the Denver Mint.**

MISCELLANEOUS

FROM

JULY 28, 1932

TO

SEPTEMBER 16, 1932.

WHEN ORDERING A DUPLICATE GIVE NO.

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MANUFACTURED BY

ROCKWELL-BARNES COMPANY

CHICAGO

July 26, 1932

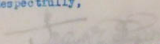
Mr. F. W. Laidley,
Alma, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 25th instant, enclosing copy of lease with Mr. Carey W. Rhodes of Chicago and yourself on the Alma Placer, and have to advise that the regulations do not permit the issuance of more than one check in payment of a deposit, although a memorandum of returns could be sent to the other party which would show the weight of the gold as received, its weight after melting, its fineness, the charges imposed by the Mint and the net value of the deposit as paid.

Kindly advise me if you wish this done and in this connection, please be advised that each deposit of placer gold must contain at least two troy ounces of pure gold and each shipment must be accompanied by a letter of advice stating the source from which the gold has been obtained.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

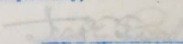
July 26, 1932

Mr. Claus Hagenah,
Salmon, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request of the 22nd instant, I have returned to you by insured parcel post the amalgam forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using 31¢ of the 45¢ in postage enclosed with your letter for that purpose and returning 14¢ in stamps herewith to balance.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

July 28, 1932

Mr. M. D. Lombard,
504 Shops Building,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 25th instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00, provided, such material contains at least one-fifth of its weight in pure gold, and if this proportion of the precious metal is doubtful, sufficient high-grade silver should be included to be sure the deposit will meet this requirement.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction, for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and a small treatment charge which is based upon the amount of base metal contained in the deposit.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

July 28, 1932

Mr. A. J. Haisey,
758 North 5th Street,
Laramie, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of recent date, you are advised that if your placer gold weighs two full troy ounces, it may be forwarded here for purchase by insured parcel post or registered mail. Please accompany your shipment with a letter of advice, and state the source from which the gold has been obtained.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

July 28, 1932

Mr. A. M. Woodworth,
Sargents, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 25th instant, you are advised that no one by the name of M. L. McGeech has made a deposit at this institution nor does the Mint receive amalgam in any amount.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 26, 1932

Mr. Carey W. Rhodes,
C/o Mayer, Meyer, Amstrian & Platt,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Referring to our recent conversation relative to the parties mentioned by you as possible depositors at the Mint of placer gold from the Alma Placer, please be advised that I have conferred with Mr. George W. Dayton, State Ore Inspector for Colorado, and he informs me that he has no information regarding any of these parties.

Mr. Dayton keeps in very close touch with all parties who are buying gold from placer miners and these buyers have been instructed by him to keep a record of parties selling gold. It would therefore appear that if any of the parties mentioned by you are producing any considerable quantity, they are disposing of it outside the state.

I am in receipt of a letter this morning from a Mr. F. W. Laidley, Alma, Colorado, enclosing copy of the lease which you have apparently given him to work the Alma Placer, providing for payment of 10% royalty on all deposits he may forward to the Mint.

I regret to say that the regulations of the Mint do not permit the issuance of more than one check on each deposit and it would therefore be impossible for me to make such division of the proceeds on any deposit he may forward here, although I could send you a duplicate copy of the memorandum of returns which would give you the weight before melting, the weight after melting, the gold fineness, the charges imposed by the Mint and the net amount paid. I have conveyed this information to Mr. Laidley and no doubt you will hear from him relative to this matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

July 28, 1932

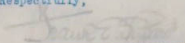
Mr. W. B. Look,
P. O. Box 294,
Casper, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 27th instant, please be advised that the regulations as to the amount which deposits must contain in order to be acceptable for purchase are fixed by the Director of the Mint at Washington, D.C., and I have no authority to make any change pertaining thereto.

The only condition under which small deposits are received at the Mint is in the case of raw or placer gold which is accepted in lots having a gold content of two troy ounces, or over, but all deposits composed of manufactured articles must have a minimum value of \$100.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

July 28, 1932

Mr. Will Craig,
Cila, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 22nd instant, I have to advise that deposits of placer gold must contain two troy ounces or more of gold, this being the minimum accepted for purchase by the Mint.

Kindly accompany any consignments you may forward here with a letter of advice and state the source from which the gold has been obtained.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Stamped envelope returned

July 28, 1932

Southwest Smelting & Refining Company,
108 East Tenth Street, Ft. Worth, Texas.

Gentlemen:

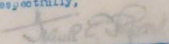
Answering your communication of the 26th instant, an explanation of the treatment charges on your recent deposit at this institution is as follows:

Melting charge for 1000 ounces or fraction, computed on the after-melting weight	\$ 1.00
The regulations provide that on each deposit containing 25 or more parts white gold alloys an extra melting charge of \$1 for each 100 ounces or fraction thereof shall be imposed	4.00
You will note that if the base metal content of deposits is over 750 to 799 there is a parting and refining charge per gross ounce or fraction of 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢	33.04
Alloy charge	.01
Total	\$38.05

You will note that the gold fineness of your material is 916 $\frac{1}{2}$ and the silver 201, or a total precious metal content of 217 $\frac{1}{2}$ out of a possible 1000, and in future when forwarding low grade material of this kind, if you will add a generous proportion of high-grade silver, the treatment charges will be reduced accordingly.

I am enclosing a copy of our table of charges on which has been marked the charges applying on your deposit and this table will no doubt be of some assistance to you in checking charges on your future consignments.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T
Enclosure

July 26, 1932

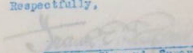
Mr. Julius Philippe Haberstroh,
P. O. Box 1067,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 25th instant and have to advise that the Mint will purchase gold, accompanied by some silver, when forwarded here in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and a precious metal content equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

I do not know what you mean by certificates of gold and other metals.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

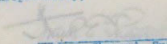
July 26, 1932

Mr. Herbert Ellis,
Ancho, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 25th instant I have this day returned to you by insured mail the small amount of placer gold forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using 13¢ of the 25¢ money order enclosed with your letter for that purpose and returning herewith 12¢ in stamps to balance.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

Not Mailed See Page 12

July 29, 1932

Hon. William R. Eaton,
535 First National Bank Building,
Denver, Colorado.

My dear Mr. Eaton:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 25th instant in regard to Mr. George M. Hill, employed as skilled workman at this institution and who is therefore subject to retirement on his sixty fifth birthday which occurs on September 5th, next, I have to advise that request has recently been forwarded to the Director of the Mint, Hon. R. J. Grant, to transfer Mr. Hill to some position in the Mint which would put him in the 70-year retirement class, provided such action would meet with his approval and it is possible to make such transfer.

Mr. Hill has been employed at this institution since 1904 in various capacities, during which time his services have been satisfactory and his integrity and reliability have not been questioned. I would therefore recommend that if retirement at sixty five could be deferred by transferring him to a position in the 70-year class can be accomplished that it be done.

With my kindest personal regards, I am

Respectfully

Frank M. Shepard
Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

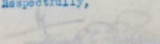
July 29, 1932

Mr. Roy A. Whitehouse,
Paisley, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of July 24th, addressed to the Denver Assay Office, has been referred to this institution and in reply please be advised that the Mint is not equipped to make assays of mineral bearing ore, but reliable work of this kind can be done for you by the United States Assay Office, at Salt Lake City, Utah, or at Seattle, Washington, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver, money order for the proper amount to accompany your samples.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

July 29, 1932

El Paso National Bank,
El Paso, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment No. 261, which you state weighs about 31 ounces, I have to advise that upon receipt here this bullion weighs 30 troy ounces and before proceeding to treat same, have to request that you will advise me if the weight as found here is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

July 29, 1932

Mr. Walter L. Basler,
Harlowton, Montana. Box 644

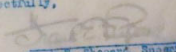
Dear Sir:

If the gold referred to in your letter of the 26th instant consists of raw or placer gold, it may be forwarded here in amounts containing two troy ounces of gold, or over, if practically free from sand, rock, mercury, or other foreign substances, for which you will be paid at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in your deposit, less \$1.00 for melting and a nominal treatment charge which is fixed by the amount of base metal contained.

The Mint can give no advice as to the kind of containers nor the method of shipping same, other than to say that deposits are received by insured parcel post, registered mail, or if sufficiently large, by prepaid express.

Kindly accompany any consignments with a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

July 23, 1932

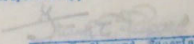
Mr. E. C. Young,
Troy, South Carolina.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 26th instant, you are advised that the Mint will accept for purchase retorts, when the mercury has been driven off, in amounts of two troy ounces of gold, or over, assuming, of course, that the gold to which you refer is raw or placer gold. The Mint does not accept amalgam in any form.

Kindly forward a letter of advice with your consignment and state the source from which the gold has been obtained.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 29, 1932

Hon. William B. Eaton,
533 First National Bank Building,
Denver, Colorado.

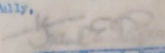
My dear Mr. Eaton:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 25th instant in regard to Mr. George M. Hill, employed as skilled workman at this institution and who is therefore subject to retirement on his sixty fifth birthday which occurs on September 5th, next, I have to advise that request has recently been forwarded to the Director of the Mint, Hon. R. J. Grant, to transfer Mr. Hill to some position in the Mint which would put him in the 70-year retirement class, provided such action would meet with his approval and it is possible to make such transfer.

Mr. Hill has been employed at this institution since 1904 in various capacities, during which time his services have been satisfactory and his integrity and reliability have not been questioned. I would therefore recommend that if retirement at sixty five could be deferred by transferring him to a position in the 70-year class that it be done.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

July 29, 1932

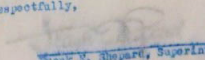
Marshall & Ilsley Bank,
781 North Water Street,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Gentlemen:

In further reference to your letter of the 13th instant as to the number of shipments received from you and for which you have not yet received payment, I regret to say that in my reply thereto under date of the 16th instant I inadvertently omitted to state that I also have a deposit for your account weighing 77.84 troy ounces, forwarded by you on June 20th under No. 25. In your letter accompanying same you requested that the platinum contained in your shipment be returned you, which you were advised could not be done - there being no method by which any platinum contained therein might be separated from the other metals. No reply was received to this letter and this bullion is still here pending further instructions from you.

Regretting this oversight, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

July 29, 1933

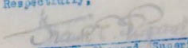
Mrs. E. V. Ludlum,
Raton, New Mexico.

Dear Madam:

As directed in your note of the 26th instant, I have this day delivered to Burlingame & Parker, 1901 Lawrence Street, this city, your small consignment at this institution, the weight of which in my letter to you of the 20th instant, was inadvertently stated as 6.53 troy ounces, instead of 3.63 troy ounces.

The above firm has been requested to make returns direct to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:2

July 29, 1932

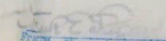
Mr. Joe Houghton,
Pocatello, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a consignment, weighing upon receipt here 4.560 ounces, bearing your name on attached label, but to date we have not received from you a letter of advice concerning it, which letter is necessary before deposits may be entered on our books for treatment.

Kindly give it your immediate attention and please state in your letter the source from which your gold has been obtained.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 30, 1932

Mrs. M. L. Caywood,
Mayer, Arizona.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of the 26th instant and accompanying consignment which weighs upon receipt here 6.05 troy ounces instead of 6.555 ounces, and have to request that you will advise me if the former weight is satisfactory to you.

In this connection please be advised that I am holding your previous consignment in which a similar discrepancy occurs and have to request that you will advise me regarding this shipment.

Respectfully,

Frank B. Shepard, Superintendent

Day

Acting Superintendent

CH:T

July 30, 1932

Mr. John C. Morgan,
El Dorado,
Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the request contained in your telegram of the 29th instant, I have returned to you this day the two shipments on hand at this institution by express, collect.

I regret that I could not treat this material for you but was unable to do so without the silver as the base metal contained in this material exceeded the maximum that the regulations permit in order that deposits may be acceptable for purchase - the silver being necessary to reduce the proportion of base metal contained therein.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Donna M. Day
Acting Superintendent

CH:7

July 30, 1932

Mr. C. D. Davis, Manager,
Lower Red Park Placer Company,
Columbine, Colorado.

Dear Sirs:

Referring to your letter under date of the 26th instant on the reverse of my letter to you of the 21st instant I have to advise that this letter has been forwarded to me by Mr. Lynn Brown who states thereon that he called at the Mint on the 26th instant after closing hours and requests that your deposit be returned to you, which can only be done upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance as the Mint has no fund from which such expense can be met.

I take it, however that you desire this gold held here as you state in your letter that you would like to supply the required amount if the two lots have not yet been treated. These lots have been held as they could not be treated separately and I will continue to hold same, if that is your desire, until you send the necessary amount to bring one of them up to two full troy ounces.

In this connection I have to say that one lot weighs 1.51 troy ounces and the other 1.85 troy ounces and at the time you forward the additional gold, please state to which lot you desire this gold added and what disposition you desire made of the other lot.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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Acting Superintendent

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July 30, 1932

Mr. W. L. Payne,
Cold Springs, Kiowa County,
Oklahoma. R.F.D. 1.

Dear Sir:

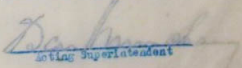
In further reference to the loss of the two nuggets which you claim you forwarded to this institution and which you state were not found in the package returning same to you, I have to advise that our receiving clerk has issued his personal check for \$1.50, which I am enclosing herewith, in payment of these nuggets, as I believe you are acting in good faith in this matter and if they were included in your package, they could not be found at this institution.

I trust this will satisfactorily close the incident.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

July 30, 1932

Mr. John Brickley,
Loseau, Montana.

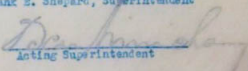
Dear Sir:

Referring to your notation under date of the 27th instant on my letter to you of July 20th, I have to advise that check No. 17659, in amount \$93.17 in payment of your deposit was forwarded you on July 26th and I have no doubt you have received same by this time.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

July 30, 1922

Mr. H. A. Simons,
Red Lodge, Montana.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 27th instant, I have to advise that \$1.00 gold pieces were issued by the Mint from 1849 to 1889, and special issues were made in 1903 for the Louisiana Purchase Exposition and in 1904-5 for the Lewis and Clark Exposition.

The Mint does not deal in old coins in any manner and I am therefore not advised if coin collectors are offering a premium for any pieces issued within the above dates but I presume a slight premium would be paid thereon.

Trusting this is the information desired by you,

I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Acting Superintendent

CH:T

July 30, 1932

Mr. Clarence, I. Smith,
Fountain, Colorado,

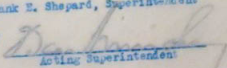
Dear Sir:

In accordance with the request contained in your letter of the 26th instant, I have this day delivered to the Weicker Transportation Company your shipment of concentrates to this institution, weighing 44 pounds, requesting said Company to deliver same to you at Fountain, Colorado, charges collect.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

OK:T

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DENVER AUGUST 1, 1932

PORT WORTH SMELTING & REFINING COMPANY
PORT WORTH TEXAS. 1516 Arcade Place

YOUR DEPOSIT TWENTY NINE UZIMO WEIGHS FIFTY THREE
POINT EIGHTY SEVEN TROY OUNCES INSTEAD FIFTY FOUR POINT EIGHTY OUNCES
STATED BY YOU. PLEASE ADVISE.

Frank E. Shepard
Superintendent M&A

Collect charges at Port Worth

August 1, 1932

Mr. William C. Augias,
416 Live Oak Street,
Miami, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

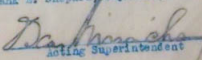
In accordance with your request I have returned to you by insured parcel post the small amount of amalgam grains forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using 15¢ of the 15¢ in postage enclosed with your letter for that purpose and returning a two-cent stamp herewith to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

OK:T

Enclosure

August 1, 1932

Messrs. A. J. Mercer and
C. W. Stoddard,
Monticello, Utah.

Gentlemen:

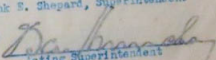
Referring to your consignment shipped to this institution as per your letter of July 28th, I regret to say that the amount of sand included therein renders your material unsuitable for treatment and purchase by the Mint and I therefore have to request that you will advise me as to what disposition you desire made of same.

Regretting that I am unable to assist you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:7

August 1, 1932

Mr. Barney Russell,
Trent Creek, Montana.

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 27th ultimo, you are advised that the Mint will purchase raw or placer gold in lots of two troy ounces of gold when practically free from sand and other foreign substances.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice which should state the source from which the gold has been obtained.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Edna M. Nichols
Acting Superintendent

CH:T

August 1, 1932

Mr. James B. Lynn,
1434 North Holyoke,
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 29th ultimo, you are advised that one dollar gold pieces have not been coined since 1869 and we have none of these coins on hand at this institution - this Mint having started operation in 1906.

I am unable to advise you where you may be able to obtain any of these coins, unless from some private coin collector, and I have no addresses of such dealers.

The Stone Mountain half dollars are obtainable only from the organization in whose behalf they were manufactured.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Dan Marshall
Acting Superintendent

CH:T
Stamped envelope returned

August 1, 1932

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt this day of
the following dies via Railway Express Agency, Inc., on gov-
ernment bill of lading No. T-155718:

- 5 - Obverse Quarter Dollar Dies, Nos. 141-145
- 5 - Reverse Quarter Dollar Dies, Nos. 136-140.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Dean Minich
Acting Superintendent

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August 2, 1932

Mr. Frank Pavlik, Jr.,
562 Green Bay Road,
Kenilworth, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of the 1st instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 provided, such deposits contain at least one fifth of their weight in pure gold, and where the precious metal content is doubtful, sufficient high-grade silver should be included to be sure the foregoing requirement is complied with.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and a small treatment charge which is based upon the amount of base metal contained in the deposit.

All consignments must be accompanied by a letter of advise.

Respectfully,

Frank B. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 2, 1932

Rio Gila Gold Mining Company,
615 Thomas Building,
Dallas, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of the 29th ultimo you are advised that the Mint does not have in use a black sand placer machine made by Straub as indicated in your letter, nor have I any information regarding such a machine.

I would suggest that you correspond with the Mine & Smelter Supply Company of this city which manufactures a number of machines of this character.

Respectfully,

Frank J. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 2, 1932

Mr. H. J. Geha,
3031 North Nevada Avenue,
Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 28th ultimo, you are advised that if the gold to which you refer is raw or placer gold and which has not been converted into manufactured articles, it may be forwarded here for purchase if your consignment will have two or more ounces of gold - consignments to be accompanied by a letter of advice stating the source from which the gold has been obtained.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

Stamped envelope returned

August 2, 1932

Mr. William E. Pitt,
White Sulphur Springs,
Montana. Box 43

Dear Sir:

Replying to your note of recent date, you are advised that placer gold is purchased by the Mint in lots having a weight of two full troy ounces of gold or over.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice which should state the source from which the gold has been obtained.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:2
3¢ stamp returned

August 2, 1932

Mr. Fred Dwyer,
Polson, Montana.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 28th ultimo, please be advised that the Mint does not deal in old coins in any manner and I therefore have no information as to what premium, if any, may be paid by private coin collectors on the coin mentioned by you.

Regretting that I am unable to assist you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 2, 1932

Mr. C. C. Howser,
2042 West Third Avenue,
Durango, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

If the gold referred to in your letter of the 26th ultimo consists of placer or raw gold, it may be forwarded here for purchase in lots of two full troy ounces, or over, but if of manufactured articles, it is necessary that consignments have a minimum value of \$100.00 and a pure gold content equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the material - consignments of either to be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 2, 1932

Mr. E. A. Denny,
2112 - 44th Avenue, North,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 29th ultimo, you are advised that the Mint does not make proof coins and application for any new coins must be made to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C. as per the enclosed circular.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Stamped envelope returned

August 2, 1932

Mr. T. B. Vernon,
Baggs, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

Your consignment under date of the 29th ultimo, weighs upon receipt here 1.93 troy ounces and I am unable to purchase same as the regulation of the Mint do not permit the purchase of deposits containing less than two full troy ounces of gold.

If you can send at least 10/100 of a troy ounce more of gold, I shall be glad to have you do so, otherwise please forward the necessary postage and insurance for the return of this gold to you at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

August 2, 1932

George Kadin Company,
314 Empire Building,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 30th ultimo, which you state weighs $177\frac{1}{2}$ ounces, I have to advise that upon receipt here your material weighs 176.57 troy ounces, and before proceeding to treat same you are requested to advise me if the weight found here is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

August 2, 1932

Mildred McCormick,
Mt. Morrison, Colorado. Box 122.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 31st ultimo, you are advised that the Mint does not deal in old coins in any manner nor have I any information as to any premiums that may be paid on same by private coin collectors.

The five-cent nickel piece issued in 1913 is commonly known as the "Buffalo Nickel."

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 2, 1932

Straus Brothers,
Minot, North Dakota.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 28th ultimo, I have to advise that your different lots weigh upon receipt here as follows:

<u>Your Lot & Weight</u>	<u>Mint Weight</u>
10 K. 48 Dwt. 4 Grs. (2.41 Troy Oms.)	2.40
14 K 141 " 17 " (7.05 " ")	6.82
18 K 43 " 5 " (2.16 " ")	2.15
22 K 50 " 2 " (2.52 " ")	2.51
4 1/2 oz. Sterling silver	3.78
7-3/8 oss. Gold filled cases & rings	6.59

Please advise me if the weights received here as indicated above are satisfactory to you before proceeding to treat this material.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

August 2, 1932

Mr. E. D. Johnson,
Tyrone, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 29th ultimo, you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and old jewelry in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and a pure gold content equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the consignment, paying therefor at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold, and deducting from the proceeds our melting charge of \$1.00 and a small treatment charge which is based upon the amount of base metal contained in the material.

All consignments must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 2, 1932

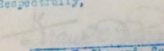
Mr. F. T. Brew,
7204 Spangler Court,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of the 29th ultimo, you are advised that one-cent bronze pieces were manufactured by this institution in 1931. None were issued, however, in 1909, 1910, 1921, or 1925.

Application for new coins must be made to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D.C., as per instructions contained in the enclosed circular.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

August 2, 1922

Mr. C. A. Dietsche,
153 North Rampart Boulevard,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

Your letter addressed to the Denver Assay Office has been referred to this institution and in reply please be advised that the Mint is not equipped to make assays of mineral bearing ores, nor have I any literature for distribution that would give you any information on this subject.

Regretting that I am unable to assist you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 2, 1932

Mr. J. M. Daniel,
117 East 4th Street,
Amarillo, Texas.

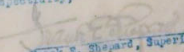
Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 29th ultimo, you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00, provided, such deposits contain at least one-fifth of their weight in pure gold, and where the precious metal content is doubtful, sufficient high-grade silver should be included to be sure that the foregoing requirement is complied with.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction, for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and a small treatment charge which is based upon the amount of base metal contained in the deposit.

All consignments must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

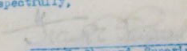
August 3, 1932

Mr. C. D. Woods,
Wallstreet, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your small consignment through the First National Bank of Boulder under date of the 30th ultimo, weighing upon receipt here 2.05 troy ounces and containing considerable foreign matter, I have to advise that it will be necessary for you to send some additional gold to be added to this material in order that your deposit will have at least two troy ounces of gold which is the minimum amount accepted for purchase by the Mint.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

Carbon copy to
First National Bank, Boulder.

August 3, 1932

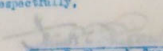
The Valley Bank & Trust Company,
Attention: Mr. Thelmer Smith, Manager,
Safford, Arizona.

Gentlemen:

With reference to the bottle of metal forwarded by you under date of the 30th ultimo, I have to advise that an acid test of this metal indicates that it consists entirely of brass and therefore is not suitable as a sample at the Mint.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance this bottle and contents will be returned to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

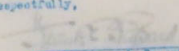
August 5, 1932

Mr. J. A. Lewton,
Otis Elevator Company,
222 West 2nd Avenue,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 30th ultimo which weighs upon receipt here 8.72 troy ounces instead of about $9\frac{1}{2}$ ounces as stated by you, I have to advise that it appears doubtful that your material will contain a value of \$100.00 which is the minimum amount accepted for purchase by the Mint. I would therefore suggest that you send so much additional gold as may be necessary to give this deposit the required value.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 3, 1932

Mr. C. H. Smith,
Hollinsville, Colorado. Box 66

Dear Sir:

Your small consignment of the 30th ultimo, weighing upon receipt here 1.54 troy ounces, is below the minimum accepted for purchase by the Mint - it being necessary that deposits of this character have at least two full troy ounces of gold.

Please advise me promptly if you desire to add the requisite amount of gold to this shipment or if you desire it returned to you, in which case kindly forward the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

August 3, 1932

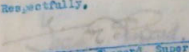
Mr. Grover Spangler,
Fremont, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your consignment under date of the 29th ultimo, consisting of 13.78 troy ounces of gold and 32.25 troy ounces of filled ware, or a gross weight of 46.03 troy ounces, you are advised that in view of the large amount of base metal contained in gold-filled articles, it is very doubtful that your deposit will meet the requirements of the Mint that all deposits in order to be acceptable for purchase must contain at least one-fifth of their weight in pure gold and silver or pure gold alone.

To render your material acceptable for purchase I would suggest that you send approximately 6 ounces of high grade silver for addition thereto. This material, in the meantime, is being held without treatment pending advice from you in the matter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

August 3, 1932

Mr. W. C. Brock,
Julesburg, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter and the sample of sand forwarded by you under date of the 1st instant and have to advise that the Mint does not make assays of such material, nor in fact any mineral specimens.

Reliable assays, however, can be made for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver, money order for the proper amount to accompany your samples.

If you desire the return of the sample you have forwarded here, please send me the necessary postage at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

August 3, 1932

Mr. Howard Yoder,
Berrysburg, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 29th ultimo, you are advised that placer gold is being found in various parts of the state of Colorado, and there is no objection to parties from other states coming here in search of such gold but it is necessary to obtain the consent of the owner of the property on which the gold may be found to remove it therefrom, if such land is privately owned. It is a difficult search, however, and one should have the necessary capital on which to live in the meantime.

Unless you are an experienced placer miner and are unable to find any work in your present location, I would not suggest that you go to the expense of coming this far on such an uncertain errand.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

3¢-stamp returned

August 3, 1932

Mr. B. C. Clark,
117 West Main Street,
Purcell, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of the 1st instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00, provided, that such deposits contain at least one-fifth of their weight in pure gold, and where the precious metal content is doubtful, sufficient high-grade silver should be included to be sure the foregoing requirement is complied with.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits, and the New York market price, less the fraction, for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and a small treatment charge which is based on the amount of base metal contain in the material. Payment is usually made within three or four days after the receipt of the deposit, making due allowance for intervening Sundays and holidays.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank S. Shepard, Superintendent

August 3, 1932

Mr. Henry Behnke,
561 Jackson Street
Gary, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter and the sample of sand forwarded by you under date of the 28th ultimo and have to advise that the Mint does not make assays of such material nor in fact any mineral specimens.

Reliable work of this kind can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver, money order for the proper amount to accompany your samples.

If you desire the return of the sample you have forwarded here, kindly send me the necessary postage for that purpose.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

August 3, 1932

Mr. C. R. VanGelder,
235 8th Avenue, N.
Twin Falls, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 29th ultimo,
I have this day returned to you by insured parcel post the
small amount of gold forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase,
using 13¢ of the 24¢ in postage enclosed with your
letter for that purpose and returning 11¢ in stamps herewith to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to
you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

August 3, 1932

Mr. William Weiser, President,
Grand Valley National Bank,
Grand Junction, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 1st instant,
I have this day returned to you by insured parcel post the
small amount of gold forwarded by you to this Mint for pur-
chase, using 63¢ of the 25¢ in postage enclosed with your
letter for that purpose and returning 18¢ in stamps here-
with to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance
to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully.

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:7
Enclosure

August 3, 1932

Mr. Harry E. Speys,
C/o A. Dalh,
Dentonio, Texas.

Dear Sir:

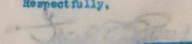
I have your letter of the 30th ultimo and regret to say that I am unable to tell you the value of the gold, if any, contained in your two bottles of sand as the Mint does not make assays of material of this kind - this being the only way in which the value can be determined.

I would suggest that you send a sample to the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, where reliable assays will be made for you at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver - money order payable to that office to accompany your samples.

If you desire the return of your two bottles of sand at this institution, please send me the necessary postage at your earliest convenience.

The Mint is not in possession of any information relative to mining claims nor the methods by which gold can be separated from sand.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

August 4, 1932

Duzy Corner Pharmacy Company,
Telluride, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Your small consignment, weighing upon receipt here 2.11 troy ounces and consisting of three retorts, has been received but to date I have not received from you a letter of advice covering this shipment. No deposits are entered for treatment without a letter of advice, which should state the source from which the gold has been obtained.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:E

August 4, 1932

Mr. W. E. Claycomb,
Gunnison, Colorado.

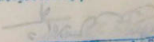
Dear Sir:

Your four small consignments have been received and have a total weight of 1.81 troy ounces but cannot be entered for purchase as deposits of this character must have a weight of at least two full troy ounces of gold and be accompanied by a letter of advice stating the source from which the gold has been obtained.

Your amalgam grains and concentrates would likely not contain much gold and if you contemplate making an addition to this shipment to comply with the foregoing requirement, you should send at least one ounce of good gold for addition thereto.

Please advise me promptly as to your wishes in this matter.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 4, 1932

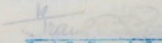
Messrs. A. H. McLeod & T. Larkin,
Rockport, Washington.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a consignment by express bearing your name on the label and have to advise that your material seems to consist entirely of rock and sand and therefore is unsuitable as a deposit at the Mint.

Please advise me as to what disposition you desire made of this material.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

August 4, 1932

Mrs. Mary L. Gaywood,
Mayer, Arizona.

Dear Madam:

Referring to my letter to you of the 30th ultimo, to which you replied on August 2nd, you have evidently misunderstood my letter as it was the weight and not the value which I questioned. Your letter of July 26th stated the weight of your deposit to be 6.555 ounces and upon receipt here this bullion weighed 6.05 troy ounces and I desire to know if this weight is satisfactory to you before proceeding to treat this material.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 4, 1932

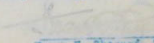
Mr. William E. Dardis,
1427 Humboldt Street,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Dardis:

Enclosed please find communication from the
Division of Appointments, Treasury Department, Washington,
D.C., which requests that you date and sign the Notice of
Separation from Service indicated thereon.

After properly signing this paper and dating
same, please return promptly to us.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

August 4, 1932

Mr. T. B. Snyder,
Fowler, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your postal card of the 2nd instant, you are advised that gold in the form of manufactured articles is accepted by the Mint in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00, provided, the pure gold content, or gold and silver, is equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

Raw or placer gold is accepted in lots of two full troy ounces of gold, or over. In either case, consignments must be accompanied by a letter of advice, and if the deposit consists of placer gold, the source from which it has been obtained must be stated.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:T

August 4, 1932

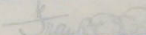
Mr. Mason Tyler, Cashier,
First National Bank of Lead,
Lead, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 3rd instant, I regret to say that your small consignment, weighing upon receipt here 72/100 of a troy ounce cannot be accepted for purchase, as the Mint does not accept deposits of this character in lots less than two full troy ounces of gold.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your grains will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

August 4, 1932

Mr. John McNeil,
Box 52,
Oracle, Arizona.

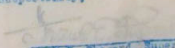
Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of the 29th ultimo, you are advised that gold in the form of manufactured articles is accepted by the Mint in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00, provided, the pure gold content, or gold and silver, is equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

Free gold or placer gold is accepted in lots of two full troy ounces, or over. In either case, consignments must be accompanied by a letter of advice, and if the deposit consists of placer gold, the source from which it has been obtained must be stated.

Shipments may be made by insured or registered mail or by express - all transportation charges prepaid.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:T

August 4, 1932

Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your cash remittances of 52¢ and 15¢ as commissions on collections from telephone booths Me-9972 and Ke-9725, respectively, for the period June 23rd to July 18, 1932.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CR:T

August 4, 1932

Mr. H. J. Diamond,
402 Central Avenue,
Hot Springs, Arkansas.

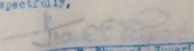
Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of the 1st instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00, provided, the pure gold content, or gold and silver, is equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit. If this proportion of the precious metals is doubtful, sufficient high-grade silver should be added to be sure one-fifth of the weight consists of the precious metals.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction, for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and a small treatment charge which varies with the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank S. Shepard, Superintendent

August 4, 1922

Mrs. B. P. Shannon,
Pewhattan, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Answering your inquiry of the 2nd instant you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00, provided, that such deposits contain at least one-fifth of their weight in the precious metals, gold and silver.

The Mint pays at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction, for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and a small treatment charge based upon the amount of base metal contained in the material.

If your watch cases and other articles will comply with the requirements of the Mint as above stated, they may be forwarded here for purchase. As you are probably aware, gold-filled material contains very little gold, and a very generous amount of good gold or silver would have to be included to give such deposits the required value and fineness.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

August 4, 1932

Mr. Louis Politzer,
C/o Sarah-Olive Bank,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of July 26th in reference to your consignment which you state weighs 21.65 ounces, consisting of scrap gold, has not reached me until today, and I have to advise that this material weighs 20.75 troy ounces, instead of the weight as stated by you.

Please advise me promptly if the weight as received here meets with your approval.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 5, 1932

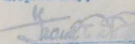
Mr. Tom H. Bell,
Orogrande, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Your small nugget, weighing upon receipt here 5/100 of a troy ounce, and your black sand weighing 10.60 troy ounces, are not suitable for acceptance by the Mint, as placer gold is accepted only in amount having a weight of two full troy ounces, or over, which prevents the purchase of your nugget, and deposits of black sand, even though containing some gold, are not suitable in any amount.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance this material will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank S. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

August 5, 1932

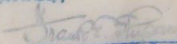
Marshall & Hilsley Bank,
721 North Water Street,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 1st instant and in reply have to advise that as requested by you I have combined lots 1 and 5 into one deposit. No. 2 has been entered for treatment and in regard to lot No. 3, I have to say that owing to the fact that these two bars contain very little gold and are therefore mostly base metal, \$100 in gold and about 100 ounces of good silver will be necessary to render them acceptable for purchase. It appears, however, that the expense connected with their treatment would not be justified by the returns you would receive therefrom, and I would suggest that they be returned to you as stated in my letter of June 4th, last.

I am returning herewith your draft for \$1.00, which was not needed as you had previously remitted this amount.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

August 5, 1922

Mr. A. C. Wallihan, Postmaster,
Lay, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 2nd instant and your small consignment which weighs upon receipt here 1.29 troy ounces, I have to advise that the Mint is not permitted to accept deposits of raw or placer gold in amounts less than two troy ounces of gold, under which conditions I am unable to purchase your small deposit.

The Mint does not purchase platinum nor make any allowance therefor when forwarded with gold deposits, nor can the platinum be separated and returned to the depositor.

Please advise me promptly what you desire done with this material.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

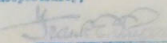
August 5, 1932

Mr. F. H. Hisey,
Grand Junction, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment of recent date, which weighs upon receipt here 20.01 troy ounces and consisting of wet amalgam, please be advised that the Mint does not purchase deposits of this kind and you are requested to advise me promptly as to what disposition you desire made of this material and if you desire it returned by insured parcel post, kindly send me the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 5, 1922

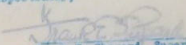
Mr. Frank Lawler,
Hanksville, Utah.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of the 18th instant and accompanying consignment, which weighs upon receipt here 1.10 troy ounces, I regret to advise that I cannot purchase this material as the regulations of the Mint do not permit the acceptance of such deposits having a weight of less than two full troy ounces of gold.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your grains will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:7

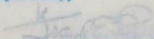
August 5, 1932

Miss Mildred C. Tatum,
El Vado Camp,
Boulder, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of the 4th instant in reference to visiting the Mint and regret to advise you that this institution has been closed to visitors for several years, and no passes are issued for any visitors, otherwise, I would be very glad to comply with your request.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 5, 1932

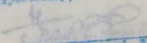
Mr. J. V. Boldt,
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer,
First Savings Bank & Trust Company,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 2nd instant and accompanying consignment, which weighs upon receipt here 12.62 troy ounces, please be advised that deposits of gold derived from manufactured articles is not accepted in lots having a value under \$100.00 and it is very doubtful that your material will contain that value.

I would suggest that you forward enough gold to bring the value of your deposit up to the required amount, or if this is not convenient, your material will be returned to you by express, collect. Please advise us promptly of your wishes in this matter.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

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August 8, 1932

Mrs. A. E. Carstens,
Route 8, Box 24,
San Antonio, Texas.

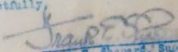
Dear Mrs. Carstens:

I have your letter of the 21st ultimo and take pleasure in advising you that the Mint will purchase old gold and silver when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00, provided, the pure gold and silver contained in such material will equal not less than one-fifth of the weight of the deposit. The regulations of the Mint do not permit the acceptance of material of this kind in smaller amounts.

The charges applying on such deposits are \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces, or fraction thereof, and a treatment charge which is based on the amount of base metal contained in the material. These charges run up as high as \$44 per gross ounce of the deposit when the precious metal content is very low. Payment is accordingly made on the amount of pure gold and silver contained in the entire lot at the rate of \$20.67 per troy ounce of pure gold and the New York market price, less the fraction, for silver - the charges being deducted from the amount due the depositor. Undoubtedly the charges of the Mint and the returns made would be better than you would likely obtain from any bullion dealer.

If you should forward any plated ware, it should be combined with your gold and silver as such material could not be accepted alone owing to its excessive base metal content, and I would suggest that you include a generous proportion of high-grade silver to offset the large amount of base metal contained in plated ware.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

August 5, 1932

Mr. R. W. Bilbo,
Jicarilla, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 3rd instant, I have to advise that the bottle marked "R.W.Bilbo" weighs upon receipt here 6.04 troy ounces which is about 60/100 of an ounce less than the weight given by you. The bottle marked "A.L.Stewart" weighs 1.09 troy ounces.

As the Mint does not treat and make separate returns on deposits having a weight of less than two troy ounces of gold, separate returns and check can not be made Mr. Stewart, although the contents of the two bottles may be combined and entered as one deposit and one check and report made you thereon.

Please advise me promptly of your wishes in the matter.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

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August 5, 1932

Mr. Charles A. Koch,
216 Kennedy Court,
Louisville, Kentucky.

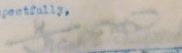
Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 2nd instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots having a value of \$100.00 or over, provided, such deposits contain at least one-fifth of their weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. If this proportion of the precious metals is doubtful, sufficient high-grade silver should be included to be sure that the deposit will meet this requirement.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and a small treatment charge which varies with the amount of base metal contained in the deposit.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice and shipments may be made by insured or registered mail, or by express prepaid, as preferred by the depositor.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

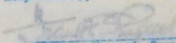
August 5, 1922

Mr. Isaac Batella,
Walsenburg, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 3rd instant, please be advised that the Mint does not sell supplies of any character but you no doubt could purchase mercury from the Denver Fire Clay Company, 1742 Champa Street, this city, or from the Mine and Smelter Supply Company, 17th and Blake Streets, this city, although I am unable to furnish you any information regarding the cost of this article and would suggest that you write to one of the above firms,

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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DENVER AUGUST 2, 1932

T. JARVIN
ROCKPORT WASHINGTON

YOUR SHIPMENT CONSISTED OF ROCK AND SAND. LETTER MAILED
YOU AUGUST FOURTH.

Superintendent Mint

Collect Charges at Rockport

August 6, 1932

Mr. J. E. Sauer,
Tolley, North Dakota.

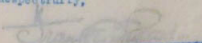
Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 2nd instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots having a value of \$100.00 or over, provided, such deposits contain at least one-fifth of their weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. If this proportion of the precious metals is doubtful, sufficient high grade silver should be included to be sure that the deposit will meet this requirement.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction, for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and a treatment charge varying from $\frac{1}{16}$ to $\frac{3}{16}$ per ounce, determined by the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T
Stamped envelope returned

August 5, 1932

Fort Jewel Shop,
519 Commercial Street,
Emporia, Kansas.

Gentlemen:

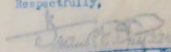
Answering your inquiry of the 3rd instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots having a value of \$100.00 or over, provided, such deposits contain at least one-fifth of their weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. If this proportion of the precious metals is doubtful, sufficient high-grade silver should be included to be sure the deposit will meet the requirement.

In receiving deposits, the Mint does not appraise same prior to their acceptance and treatment and make the depositor an offer for the value which appears to be contained therein. When deposits are received here it is assumed that the material is for purchase by the Mint and that the depositor agrees to accept payment made which is always based upon the pure gold and silver content determined by assay, less the customary charges by the Mint.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction, for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and a treatment charge varying from 1¢ to 8¢ per ounce, determined by the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


FRANK E. SHEPARD, Superintendent

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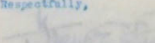
August 6, 1922

Mr. Edward Gittleman,
Hanks Peak, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 3rd instant, please be advised that it will be necessary for you to send me the postage and insurance for the return of your small consignment which I am holding at this institution, as the Mint has no fund out of which this expense may be met. Upon receipt of this postage, your gold will immediately be returned to you.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

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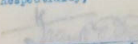
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August 6, 1932

Messrs. A. J. Mercer and
C. W. Stoddard,
Bountiful, Utah.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 3rd instant and regret to say that the Mint could not remove the sand contained in your recent shipment and pay you for the gold that may be contained therein, and upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your consignment will be returned you - the Mint having no fund out of which such expense may be met.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 8, 1932

Mr. J. A. Olson, Assistant Cashier,
Fort Worth National Bank,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 5th instant and note that the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas has refused to redeem the uncurrent coins to which you refer and I have accordingly forwarded your letter to the Treasurer of the United States from whom you will undoubtedly hear in due course - the regulations requiring that federal reserve banks redeem all uncurrent coin, the Mint accepting from the banks only mutilated coins which are purchased at their bullion value.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

August 8, 1932

Mr. Elmer S. Willey,
C/o F. S. Willey,
Clinton, Maine. R.P.D.No.1

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 3rd instant and have to advise that the Mint does not receive gold bearing ores and I am therefore unable to sell you any specimens, nor do I believe you could obtain material of this kind that would be of any assistance to you in looking for gold as that metal occurs in a large variety of forms.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Stamped envelope returned

August 8, 1932

Mr. Charley Otey,
811 North Arcadia,
Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of recent date enclosing some fragments of a one dollar bill and have to advise that the Mint does not redeem paper currency - this being done only by the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D.C., when accompanied by proper affidavits in the premises, information regarding which will be furnished you by that officer.

I am returning your fragments herewith.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:F
Enclosure

August 8, 1932

Mr. H. J. Wernsmann,
615 First Street,
LaSalle, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 6th instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots having a value of \$100.00, or over, provided, such deposits contain at least one-fifth of their weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. If this proportion of the precious metals is doubtful, sufficient high grade silver should be included to be sure that the deposit will meet this requirement.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melt-up to 1000 ounces and a treatment charge varying from $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ per ounce, determined by the amount of base metal contained in the material.

In reference to the silver coins mentioned in your letter, I would suggest that you add them to your consignment and they will be purchased as a part of your silver content - the Mint not redeeming mutilated coins except at their bullion value.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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August 8, 1932

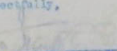
Mr. C. H. Webb, Cashier,
J.J.Harris & Company, Bankers,
Durango, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 5th instant, please be advised that the quarter dollar enclosed therewith and which is herewith returned to you is a genuine coin.

This design of the quarter dollar was first coined in 1917 but owing to the fact that the ridge around the edge was not sufficiently high, the date on the coin was exposed to excessive wear and the design was accordingly modified in this respect and in some other minor details in August of that year.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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Enclosure

August 8, 1932

Mr. Fred Rothert,
Maxbass, North Dakota. Box 182

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 3rd instant, please be advised that the Mint is not equipped to make assays of mineral bearing specimens but reliable work of this kind can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at the following charges, each sample:

Gold	-	\$1.00	Copper	-	\$2.00
Silver	-	1.00	Zinc	-	2.00
Lead	-	1.50			

I would suggest that you send approximately one pound of your material which should be sufficient for the determination you may desire; also kindly forward money order for the proper amount to cover cost of assays, payable to the above named office.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 8, 1932

Mr. Sam Moore,
Iola, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 7th instant and in reply have to advise that although the Mint does not intentionally assist any one to make improper deposits, when deposits are accepted the transaction is of a confidential nature and the regulations require that when other parties wish information concerning these deposits, it is necessary that the consent of the depositor be obtained before any such information is furnished.

Therefore, if you will furnish me a letter from M. F. Claycomb stating that he has no objection, copies of the Mint memorandum of returns on his recent deposit here will be furnished.

In this connection, I may say that deposits are frequently weighed on avoirdupois scales before being shipped to the Mint where they are weighed on troy scales which makes it appear that there is a considerable difference in weight.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

August 9, 1932

Mr. C. Ashley,
41 East Alger Street,
Sheridan, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your consignment, weighing upon receipt here 14.48 troy ounces, and have to advise that to date I have not received from you a letter of advice covering this shipment and as such letter is necessary before deposits may be entered on our books for treatment, I have to request that you will write me promptly concerning this consignment.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 9, 1932

Mr. W. J. Anderson,
Christina, Montana.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your two small bottles of grains, weighing upon receipt here 2.33 troy ounces, and have to advise that to date I have not received from you a letter of advice covering this consignment. As such letter is necessary before deposits may be entered on our books for treatment, I have to request that you will write me promptly and state the source from which this gold has been obtained.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

August 8, 1932

Mr. A. P. Gibson,
Brenham, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 6th instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots having a value of \$100.00 or over, provided, such deposits contain at least one-fifth of their weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. If this proportion of the precious metals is doubtful, sufficient high-grade silver should be included to be sure that the deposit will meet this requirement.

While it is not objectionable to include white gold articles with your other material, the regulations require that on each deposit containing 25% or more of white gold alloys, an extra melting charge of \$1.00 for each 100 ounces or fraction thereof shall be imposed.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction, for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and a treatment charge varying from $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per ounce, determined by the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice. I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information on the subject of making deposits at the Mint.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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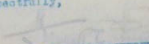
August 9, 1932

Mr. F. C. Zeigler,
217 Colut Building,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Your consignment weighing upon receipt here 11.71 troy ounces has been received but to date I have not received from you a letter of advice covering this shipment, which is necessary before deposits may be entered on our books for treatment. Kindly let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

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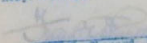
August 8, 1932

HALTOM'S,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your consignment under date of the 6th instant, weighing upon receipt here 80.77 troy ounces instead of 84 ounces as stated by you, and before proceeding to treat this material, I have to request that you will advise me if the weight as received here is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

August 6, 1932

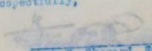
Mr. F. A. Bartch,
Hatch, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

I have your small consignment of recent date, which weighs upon receipt here 1.37 troy ounces, and I am unable to purchase this gold as deposits must contain at least two troy ounces of gold.

I have also to advise that it is necessary that each deposit be accompanied by a letter of advice before same may be entered for treatment. Kindly let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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August 6, 1932

Mr. Herman A. Schmidt,
318 Empire Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

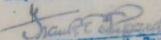
Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 5th instant you are advised that the Mint will accept dental grindings and filings when the gold content has a minimum value of \$100.00 and a gold fineness of not less than 200 assay parts out of a possible 1000.

The Mint does not purchase platinum nor undertake to separate it from the other metals with which it may be forwarded for return to the depositor.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank C. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 9, 1932

Mr. Ben Kirkham,
737 Olive Street,
Leavenworth, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 6th instant, you were advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots having a value of \$100.00, or over, provided, such deposits contain at least one-fifth of their weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. If this proportion of the precious metals is doubtful, sufficient high grade silver should be included to be sure that the deposit will meet this requirement.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounces of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction, for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and a treatment charge varying from $\frac{1}{16}$ to $\frac{3}{16}$ per ounce, determined by the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

August 9, 1932

Mr. C. F. Holliday,
3318 Avenue A,
Kearney, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 5th instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots having a value of \$100.00 or over, provided, such deposits contain at least one-fifth of their weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. If this proportion of the precious metals is doubtful, sufficient high grade silver should be included to be sure that the deposit will meet this requirement.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction, for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and a treatment charge varying from $\frac{1}{16}$ to $\frac{3}{16}$ per ounce, determined by the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

August 9, 1932

L. Rasukin's Loan Office,
509 East Commerce Street,
San Antonio, Texas.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 6th instant, addressed to L. T. Monahan, an employee of this institution, regarding the payment made you for your bullion deposited here under date of the 25th ultimo, and have to advise that a re-assay of your bullion gives an exact check on the gold and silver fineness as originally determined and I am therefore unable to make any change in the report on the fineness or payment of your material.

I am always glad to have you call my attention to any apparent errors which would be cheerfully corrected had any mistake been found.

Respectfully,

Frank C. Shepard, Superintendent

CR:T

August 9, 1932

Mr. L. P. Jacobs,
Nebraska Department of Public Works,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 7th instant, please be advised that the Mint does not have for distribution any commemorative coins, such coins being manufactured for certain organizations who have charge of their distribution, and it will be necessary for you to write to the organization or society in whose behalf they were minted.

The Mint has not coined a 1932 quarter dollars other than the Washington Bicentennial Quarter, application for which must be made to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D.C., as per the enclosed circular.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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Enclosure

August 9, 1933

West Mexican Mines, Ltd.,
Mr. A. E. Macfarlane, General Manager,
Apartado Numero 38,
Parral, Chihuahua, Mexico.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 5th instant and in accordance with your request, I am enclosing herewith copy of our table of charges from which you can determine the cost of treatment and smelting charges applying on bullion deposits and the general conditions under which bullion is accepted for purchase by the Mint.

Any deposits which you may forward here complying with the regulations as outlined in the enclosed circular will receive my prompt attention.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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Enclosure

August 9, 1932

J. L. Jacobson Company,
626 World-Herald Building,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of the 8th instant, I have to advise that gold filled and gold plated articles are accepted for purchase by the Mint when the value contained therein is at least \$100.00 but in addition to the value, it is also necessary that the precious metal content shall equal at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

As the base metal content of gold filled and gold plated ware is very high, I would suggest that you add sufficient high-grade silver to give your deposit a pure metal content in gold and silver of not less than one-fifth of the weight of the articles which you contemplate forwarding.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 9, 1932

George Kadin Company,
314 Empire Building,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment under date of July 30th, weighing upon receipt here 176.37 troy ounces and valued by you at \$132.65, I have to advise that after melting and assaying this material, its value has been found to be approximately \$50.00 and therefore unsuitable as a deposit at the Mint. Under these conditions I have been compelled to reject this deposit and impose thereon our treatment charge amounting to \$5.00, which you are requested to forward by money order at your earliest convenience.

If you wish to reenter this material as a deposit, it will be necessary for you to send at least \$80.00 more in good gold for addition thereto in order that the deposit will have the required value but before this bar may be reentered as a deposit, the foregoing charges will have to be paid.

Respectfully,

Frank S. Shepard, Superintendent

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August 9, 1932

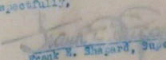
Mr. F. H. Staples,
136 West Virginia Avenue,
Gunnison, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 5th instant forwarding a small consignment to this institution, I have to advise that upon receipt here your amalgam weighs 22/100 of a troy ounce and the small bottle containing some gold and water has a gross weight of 85/100 of a troy ounce, neither of which can be accepted for purchase by the Mint as amalgam is not accepted in any quantity and the gold in water is of insufficient weight to be acceptable for purchase.

Mined or placer gold is not accepted in lots having a weight under two troy ounces of gold and if you can forward enough to meet that requirement, I should be glad to have you do so, but in the meantime I would suggest that your amalgam and the small bottle of water containing a little gold be returned to you, for which purpose please send the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

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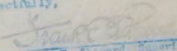
August 9, 1932

Mr. W. L. Corbett,
C/o James Scoldy,
Timberlake Route,
Craig, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Your small consignment under date of the 8th instant, consisting of amalgam partly retorted and weighing 2.77 troy ounces is not suitable for purchase as two troy ounces of gold is the minimum accepted; also the Mint does not accept amalgam, but an exception will be made in this case if you can forward at least one ounce of gold to be added to this lot. Should you desire this material returned to you, however, please send me the necessary postage and insurance for that purpose.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CE:T

August 9, 1932

Mr. C. Fredenberg,
23 North Fifth Avenue,
Maywood, Illinois.

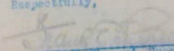
Dear Sir:

Your small consignment under date of the 5th instant, consisting of Dental Filings with a weight of 4.79 troy ounces, can not be purchased by the Mint as such deposits must have a minimum value of \$100.00.

Your material will require at least five ounces of similar material in addition to that which you have already forwarded to meet the above requirement and unless you can send the additional amount, your material will be returned you upon the receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Please advise me promptly.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

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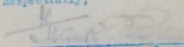
Mr. Frank Q. Walck,
Saratoga, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of the 5th instant with which you forward 42/100 of a troy ounce of black sand containing some gold grains, I have to advise that deposits of placer gold must contain at least two troy ounces of gold and be practically free from sand in order to be accepted by the Mint for purchase.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your material will be returned to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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August 9, 1932

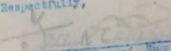
Mr. E. C. Young,
Troy, South Carolina.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 3rd instant and accompanying consignments, weighing 2.35 troy ounces and 1.58 troy ounces and for which you desire separate returns, I have to advise that no deposit is accepted for separate treatment and return unless it contains at least two troy ounces of gold. Under these conditions your two lots can be combined and one report and check made you, or the smaller lot will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Please advise me promptly of your wishes in this matter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

GE:T

August 10, 1932

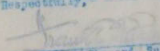
Mr. A. M. Hill,
Kane, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

Your small consignment weighing upon receipt here 1.65 troy ounces of coppery grains could not be entered for treatment as two full troy ounces of gold is the very least that may be accepted by the Mint for purchase and no deposits are entered for treatment unless accompanied by a letter of advice.

It will be necessary for you to send at least as much more of similar material to render your deposit acceptable and a letter of advice must be received before your deposit may be entered for treatment.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:7

August 10, 1932

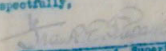
Mr. Evanisto Archuleta,
Box 1263
Morenci, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 6th instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase placer gold when consignments contain at least two troy ounces of gold, free from sand or other foreign substances, paying therefor at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in the deposit, less the charges of \$1.00 for melting and a nominal amount for treatment. As placer gold contains more or less of other metals, the price paid per ounce will vary in accordance therewith.

Please accompany your consignment with a letter of advice and state the source from which the gold has been obtained.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 10, 1932

Mr. John C. Singleton, President,
The Bank of Fairplay,
Fairplay, Colorado.

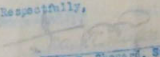
Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 6th instant accompanying your two consignments weighing 2.23 troy ounces and 1.90 troy ounces, for the account of A. W. Singleton and E. C. Sparlock, respectively, I have to advise that the last consignment is not of sufficient weight to be accepted by the Mint for purchase, it being necessary that each lot contain two troy ounce or more to be treated and purchased.

If you desire these two lots may be combined, or the first can be treated and the other held for the addition of the necessary gold thereto to give it the required weight.

Kindly let us hear from you promptly in this matter.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

August 10, 1932

Mr. John D. Squier,
326 Garfield Street,
Ft. Collins, Colorado.

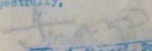
Dear Sir:

I have to advise that I am in receipt of a consignment bearing your name on the outside, weighing upon receipt here 1.29 troy ounces and consisting of black sand and gold grains unaccompanied by a letter of advice.

Two troy ounces of gold is the least accepted by the Mint for purchase and in all cases shipments must be accompanied by a letter of advice to receive attention; also practically all black sand must be removed before forwarding to the Mint.

Kindly forward some additional gold to be added to this lot, accompanied by a letter of advice which should state the source from which the gold has been obtained.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

OM:T

August 10, 1932

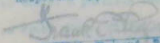
Quinner Mercere Company,
121 Madison Avenue,
Memphis, Tennessee.

Gentlemen:

I have a consignment bearing your name on the outside weighing upon receipt here 35.63 troy ounces but can not enter same for treatment as no letter of advice pertaining thereto has been received from you.

Please advise me promptly concerning this shipment.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 10, 1922

Mr. B. C. Clark,
Purcell, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 8th instant, having a gross weight here of 27.43 troy ounces, of which 11.50 troy ounces are mixed gold and 15.93 ounces are filled ware, I have to advise that in order that your deposit will have the requisite amount in the precious metals, you should send three to five ounces of high-grade silver to give your material a precious metal content of at least one-fifth of its weight - the regulations requiring that deposits contain 200 assay parts of pure gold and silver out of a possible 1000.

As you are no doubt aware, filled spectacle frames and watch cases contain very little gold, and a large proportion of such articles may not only cause the rejection of deposits, but they materially increase the treatment charges which are based upon the amount of base metal contained therein.

I am holding your material without treatment until advised further by you in the premises.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

August 10, 1920

Mr. John Fleming,
P O Box 55,
Clifton, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a bottle of amalgam weighing 1.59 troy ounces and a bottle of natural grains weighing 34/100 of a troy ounce both of which are unsuitable for purchase as the Mint does not buy amalgam and deposits of placer gold are not received in amounts of less than two full troy ounces of gold.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance, this material will be returned to you and should you forward any consignments here for purchase, kindly accompany same with a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

August 10, 1922

Messrs. Creamer & Morris,
Midland Savings Building,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your communication of the 9th instant relative to judgment which you state you have obtained on behalf of the Bankers Union Finance Company in this city against Alonzo Williams, an employee of this Mint, I have to request that you will state the amount of this judgment and the conditions under which it was obtained.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

August 10, 1932

Mr. Fleming James, Assistant Cashier,
F. & M. National Bank,
Abilene, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your communication of the 8th instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase mutilated coins for their bullion value, although mutilated five-cent nickel pieces and one-cent bronze pieces are purchased only in pound lots at 15¢ and 14¢ per pound, respectively.

Shipments must arrive at the Mint with all transportation charges prepaid and be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

August 10, 1932

Mr. Nolan E. Whitlow,
205 Howard Building,
Lubbock, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 8th instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots having a value of \$100.00 or over, provided, such deposits contain at least one-fifth of their weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. If this proportion of the precious metals is doubtful, sufficient high grade silver should be included to be sure that the deposit will meet this requirement.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction, for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and a treatment charge varying from $\frac{1}{16}$ to $\frac{1}{8}$ per ounce, determined by the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

August 10, 1932

Mr. Sidney Haas,
P. O. Box 1163,
Hollywood, California.

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 5th instant, you are advised that during the calendar year 1931, the following coinage was executed at this institution:

Double Eagles	---	\$2,130,000
Dimes	-----	126,000
One -Cent Bronze	---	44,800

During the current calendar year this Mint has manufactured the one-cent bronze piece and the quarter dollar [commonly known as the Washington Bicentennial Quarter].

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 11, 1932

Mr. S. L. Tichenor,
452 South Jefferson Street,
Albany, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 6th instant and accompanying package of black sand, please be advised that the Mint is not equipped to make analyses of such material, and I would suggest that you send sample of same to the United States Assay Office at Seattle, Washington, where reliable work of this kind can be done for you at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver, each sample. Money order for the proper amount must accompany your samples.

If you desire the return of the sample you have forwarded here, please send me the necessary postage.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

August 11, 1932

Picher Pawn Shop.
Picher, Oklahoma, 2175 Main Street.

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of the 8th instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots having a value of \$200.00 or over, provided, each deposits contain at least one-fifth of their weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. If this proportion of the precious metals is doubtful, sufficient high grade silver should be included to be sure that the deposit will meet the requirement.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction, for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and a treatment charge varying from $\frac{1}{16}$ to $\frac{3}{16}$ per ounce, determined by the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

August 11, 1932

Mr. William E. Reel,
Pauls Valley, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 9th instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00, provided, such deposits contain at least one-fifth of their weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. If this proportion of the precious metals is doubtful, sufficient high-grade silver should be included to be sure that the deposit will meet this requirement.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction, for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and a treatment charge varying from $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ per ounce, determined by the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 11, 1932

Camp Bird, Limited,
Room 307 Colorado National Bank Building,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

In compliance with your telephonic request of
this date, please find herewith four copies of the Mint's
Table of Charges, effective May 1, 1930.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

August 11, 1938

Mr. H. E. McCall,
1406 North 21st Street,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 10th instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase dental wrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00, provided, such deposits contain at least one-fifth of their weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. If this proportion of the precious metals is doubtful, sufficient high-grade silver should be included to be sure that the deposit will meet this requirement.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction, for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and a treatment charge varying from $\frac{1}{16}$ to $\frac{3}{16}$ per ounce, determined by the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

August 11, 1932

Mr. Dick Spencer,
Gray, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your request of the 9th instant for shipping cards to accompany shipments of bullion to the Mint, in this connection please be advised that each consignment of placer gold must have a weight of two full troy ounces or over, and may be forwarded by registered or insured mail, addressed to the United States Mint, Denver, Colorado, and be accompanied by a letter of advice which should state the source from which the gold has been produced.

Your material should be practically free from sand or other foreign substances and as above stated contain at least two troy ounces of gold.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 11, 1932

Mr. B. C. Clark,
117 West Main Street,
Purcell, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Answering your communication of the 9th instant, I have to advise that in order that bullion other than placer gold may be melted and assayed to determine its value, it is necessary that each lot so treated must contain \$100.00 in value and have a precious metal content of not less than 200 assay units out of a possible 1000, or, in other words, at least one-fifth of the weight of such bullion must consist of pure gold and silver.

Under the above conditions, it would be impossible for me to make you separate returns on the filled ware which you have recently forwarded here and another return on the high grade gold included in your shipment. As you will note from my letter to you of yesterday, even by combining the two lots which you have forwarded here, it is doubtful that your deposit will fulfill the foregoing requirement, and I therefore suggested that you send some high-grade silver to be added thereto in order that these lots when combined will have not only a value of \$100.00 but also a content in pure gold and silver of at least 200 assay parts out of a possible 1000.

It would also be impossible for me to send you a duplicate check for exhibit and I would suggest in this connection that if you wish to display in your window the memorandum of returns, which will be forwarded you when your deposit has been treated and paid for, which will show the weight of your deposit before and after melting, its pure gold and silver fineness, and the amount paid you, there would be no objection to your doing so.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

August 11, 1932

Mr. Emil H. Sabaton,
Rollinsville, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 5th instant, I have to advise that placer gold may be forwarded to the Mint for purchase in lots having a weight of two troy ounces or over - each consignment to be accompanied by a letter of advice which should state the source from which the gold has been produced.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 11, 1932

Mr. Leonard Swanson,
1120 - 27th Street,
Sioux City, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 8th instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00, provided, such deposits contain at least one-fifth of their weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. If this proportion of the precious metals is doubtful, sufficient high-grade silver should be included to be sure that the deposit will meet this requirement. The Mint does not purchase platinum nor undertake to separate that metal for return to the depositor when included with deposits.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and a treatment charge varying from $\frac{1}{16}$ to $\frac{3}{16}$ per ounce, determined by the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

August 11, 1932

Mr. Charles Kelsay,
1246 Cedar Street,
Pueblo, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 10th instant, you are advised that the Mint does not purchase platinum in any quantity nor separate that metal from other material for return to the depositor, although old gold is purchased under the following conditions:

The Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00, provided such deposits contain at least one-fifth of their weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. If this proportion of the precious metals is doubtful, sufficient high-grade silver should be included to be sure that the deposit will meet this requirement.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction, for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and a treatment charge varying from $\frac{1}{10}$ to $\frac{3}{10}$ per ounce, determined by the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 11, 1932

Mr. John D. Canfield,
General Delivery,
Missoula, Montana.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 8th instant, you are advised that no deposits of any consequence have been received at this institution from the Salt Lake Desert or Salt Lake Smelters.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

August 11, 1932

Mr. Louis Politzer,
Sarah-Olive Bank,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 10th instant and in reply have to advise that your package containing the apparent shortage in weight was in perfect condition when received at this institution and did not appear to have been tampered with in any way while in transit.

In view of the fact that it would be just about impossible for me to pick out of this material 12.25 troy ounces of approximately 80% pure gold content as selected by you, inasmuch as so much of it is not marked as to karats, I have entered your material for treatment in order that you may receive as early as possible your check in payment. Undoubtedly the apparent shortage in weight is due to a mistake on your part when weighing this material and I have proceeded in accordance with the authority contained in your letter to use my best judgment in the matter which I trust will meet with your approval.

Regarding the lost check for \$131.99, concerning which you requested that payment be stopped, please be advised that under date of the 2nd instant, the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D.C., was requested to stop payment on this check and you no doubt will hear from him very shortly, if you have not already heard from him, as to the preliminaries which will have to be complied with before a duplicate may be issued.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

August 12, 1932

Mrs. R. W. Waring,
486 D Street,
Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Dear Madam:

Referring to your small consignment which is too wet to determine its weight, I have to advise that free or placer gold is accepted by the Mint only in lots having a weight of two full troy ounces or more of gold and each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice stating the source from which the gold has been produced.

If you can send two ounces more of gold, the small quantity of gold which may be contained in the material you have already forwarded will be added thereto and check in payment mailed you. If, however, you desire this small lot returned to you, please send me the necessary postage and insurance for that purpose.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:T

August 12, 1932

Mrs. Esther Davis,
Arlington, Colorado. Box 42

Dear Madam:

Acknowledging the receipt of your note of the 10th instant, you are advised that if your placer gold will have a weight of not less than two troy ounces, it may be forwarded here for purchase. At the same time please send a letter of advice stating the source from which the gold has been produced.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 12, 1932

Mr. Mason Tyler, Cashier,
First National Bank of Lead,
Lead, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 8th instant, I have returned to you by insured mail the small amount of gold forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using 13¢ of the 33¢ in postage enclosed with your letter for that purpose and returning herewith 20¢ in stamps to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of service to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

August 12, 1932

Mr. A. G. Wallihan, Postmaster,
Lay, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 8th instant, I have returned to you by registered mail the small amount of gold forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using 27¢ of the 35¢ in postage enclosed with your letter for that purpose and returning 8¢ in stamps herewith to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of service to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

Enclosure

August 12, 1932

Mr. Edward Cattleman,
Hahns Peak, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I am returning to you by insured mail today the small amount of gold forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using 13¢ of the 16¢ in postage forwarded by you for that purpose and enclosing herewith a three-cent stamp to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of service to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:F
Enclosure

August 12, 1932

Chic-Keating Gold Mining Corporation,
17-18 Kohrs Block,
Helena, Montana.

Attention: Mr. C. L. Hewitt, President

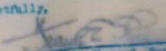
Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 10th instant and in reply have to say that while this institution would not desire to interfere in any way with the activities of the United States Assay Office at Helena, in view of the fact that its deposits are accumulating to the extent that it causes a considerable delay in receiving payment for your bullion, I should be glad to have you forward same here for purchase until such time as you feel inclined to renew your relations with that office.

Although the number of deposits at this institution is exceedingly large as the result of similar conditions, payment is usually made the third or fourth day for all deposits where agreeing assays are obtained, due allowance being made for intervening Sundays and holidays.

Kindly accompany any consignment which you may forward here with a letter of advice stating the method of payment desired.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

August 12, 1932

Mr. M. O. Short,
136 Elm Street,
Trinidad, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

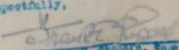
Answering your letter of the 11th instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase dental scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00, provided, such deposits contain at least one-fifth of their weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. If this proportion of the precious metals is doubtful, sufficient high grade silver should be included to be sure the deposit will meet this requirement.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and a treatment charge varying from $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢ to $8\frac{1}{4}$ ¢ per ounce, determined by the amount of base metal contained in the material.

I regret to say that the Mint has no information for distribution relative to the best way of detecting the value of old gold other than by assay by a reliable assayer, nor does the Mint recommend any particular kind or make of scales. For such information, I would suggest that you write to The Denver Fire Clay Company, The Mine & Smelter Supply Company, or to William Linworth & Sons, all of this city.

Should you forward any consignments to the Mint, kindly accompany same with a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

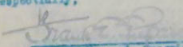
August 12, 1932

Mr. Ernest Riesen,
Golden, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment of recent date, please be advised that upon receipt here your retorts and amalgam grains have a weight of 14.49 troy ounces, instead of 14 ounces and 13 pennyweights as stated by you, and I therefore have to request that you will advise me if the weight as found here is satisfactory to you before proceeding to treat your material.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:T

August 12, 1932

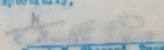
Mr. Cruz Lozano,
Deming, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a small deposit of natural grains from you, weighing upon receipt here 1.91 troy ounces, and have to advise that two full troy ounces of placer gold is the very least amount accepted by the M.A. for purchase.

If you can send the necessary gold to give the required weight to your deposit, I should be glad to have you do so, otherwise kindly send me the necessary postage and insurance for the return of your bottle and contents to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

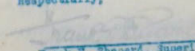
August 13, 1932

Messrs. Creamer & Morris,
Midland Savings Building,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

In further reference to your recent letter relative to the judgment which you have obtained against Lon Williams of this institution on a promissory note in the amount of \$156.00, dated May 23, 1931, will you kindly advise me regarding the character of the investment for which this note was given in payment and oblige,

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:T

August 13, 1932

Mr. A. W. Good,
533 First National Bank Building,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Good:

I have your letter of the 12th instant inclosing communication from the Director of the Mint under date of the 9th instant, regarding the retention in the service of Mr. George M. Hill.

I desire to thank you for forwarding this letter to me, although a similar letter has been received from Mr. Grant on the same subject.

I also desire to take this occasion to express my appreciation to Congressman Eaton for his kindness in this matter which I know is deeply appreciated by Mr. Hill.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

August 13, 1932

Mr. J. J. Kindscher, Cashier,
The Traders State Bank,
Glen Elder, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 11th instant, you are advised that the Mints have lately issued a quarter dollar of a new design in commemoration of the bicentennial anniversary of the birth of George Washington. Application for these coins must be made to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D.C. as per the enclosed circular.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

August 13, 1933

Mr. H. W. Brake,
Palisade, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 10th instant, I have to advise that the Mint will purchase placer gold when forwarded in lots containing at least two troy ounces of gold, each consignment to be accompanied by a letter of advice stating the source from which the gold has been produced.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

August 13, 1932

Mr. John Keith,
Seminole, Oklahoma.

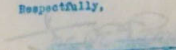
Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 11th instant, you are advised that the Mint is not equipped to make assays of mineral bearing rock or sand, but reliable work of this kind can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at the following prices for each sample:

Gold	-	\$1.00	Copper	-	\$2.00
Silver	-	1.00	Zinc	-	2.00
Lead	-	1.50			

Money order for the proper amount payable to that office must accompany your sample.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 13, 1932

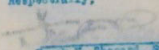
Mr. C. E. Raab,
Third and Garfield Streets,
Laramie, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 12th instant, I have to advise that if the gold to which you refer has a weight of at least two troy ounces and is mined gold, it may be forwarded here for purchase.

I would suggest that you forward this gold by registered or insured mail, or by express with all transportation charges prepaid. Kindly accompany same with a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

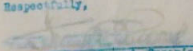
August 15, 1932

Mr. Carey W. Rhodes,
Mayer, Meyer, Austrian & Platt,
Continental Illinois Bank Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 11th instant requesting me to forward you copy of Mint returns on future deposits at this institution by Mr. F. W. Laidley, please be advised that in order to comply with this request, it would be necessary for you to request Mr. Laidley to instruct me to send a duplicate of such returns to you, and upon receipt from him of such a letter, copy of Mint returns on each deposit received from him will be forwarded to you.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

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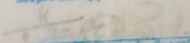
August 15, 1922

Mr. S. H. Stafford,
Scandia, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the two pounds of soil forwarded here by you, please be advised that while the Mint does not make analyses of such material, it does not appear that any of the precious metals are contained in this dirt, and if you desire it returned to you, please forward me the necessary postage and insurance at your earliest convenience, otherwise it will be thrown away.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T


Frank E. Shepard.

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DENVER AUGUST 16, 1932

PHELPS DODGE CORPORATION
NEW YORK CITYACCEPT YOUR PROPOSAL FORTY TONS CATHODE COPPER
DELIVERED DENVER AT FIVE POINT SIX SEVEN ONE HALF CENTS PER POUND.*Frank E. Shepard.*
SuperintendentOfficial business - Government rate
Charge U. S. Mint, Denver

August 16, 1932

Mr. B. C. Clark,
Burcell, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the postscript on your letter of the 12th instant requesting to be advised as to what you could safely pay for old spectacle frames and gold-filled watch cases, I regret to say that I cannot supply you with this information as when such material is received at the Mint it is not treated separately but only when combined with high-grade gold and silver of sufficient amounts to give such deposits a value of at least \$100.00 and a precious metal content equal to one-fifth of the weight of the deposit, under which conditions the value contained in the filled ware is not determined.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

August 16, 1932

Mr. John Keoh,
Dexter, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 11th instant and have to advise that while the Mint does not make analyses of mineral bearing specimens, it appears that the sample forwarded here by you is what is commonly known as marcassite, or sulphide of iron, which has no commercial value. If you desire the return of this sample to you, please forward at your earliest convenience the necessary postage.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

August 16, 1932

Mr. W. O. Brock,
Julesburg, Colorado. R.F.D. 1

Dear Sir:

Referring to the sack of sand forwarded by you to this Mint for assay, please be advised that the Mint is not equipped to make assays of such material. Reliable work of this kind can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver, money order for the proper amount to accompany your samples.

If you desire the return of the material you have forwarded here, kindly send the necessary postage, otherwise it will be thrown away.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

August 16, 1932

Mr. Jim Reed,
Placerville, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 14th instant which you state weighs about nine ounces, please be advised that upon receipt here your retorts and amalgam grains weigh 7.07 troy ounces, and I have to request that you will kindly advise me if the weight as found here is satisfactory to you, upon receipt of which information I will proceed to treat your material.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

August 16, 1932

Mr. M. E. Capps,
Biltmore, North Carolina. Route No. 5.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of recent date requesting the return of the sample of ore forwarded by you to this institution, I have to advise that this sample has never been received at the Mint and I am therefore returning the 6¢ in postage enclosed with your letter.

Should your sample arrive here later, I will advise you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

August 15, 1932

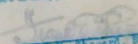
Mr. James Dotson,
Walla Walla, Washington.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 12th instant, enclosing money order for \$1.00 for which you desire certain assays, and have to advise that the Mint is not equipped to make assays of such material as you have forwarded here. Reliable work of this kind, however, can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Seattle, Washington, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver, each sample, money order for the proper amount to accompany your sample.

I am returning your money order herewith and if you desire the return of the sample you have forwarded here, please send me the necessary postage for that purpose.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

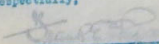
August 15, 1932

Mr. Lawrence Keys,
Sallisaw, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 13th ultimo (?), please be advised that the Mint is not equipped to make assays of mineral bearing sand or rock, but reliable assays of this kind can be made for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver for each sample - money order for the proper amount to accompany your samples.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

August 16, 1932

Mr. W. E. Murphy,
1344 Chipeta Avenue,
Grand Junction, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your small consignment to this institution, weighing 1.91 troy ounces, I have to advise that two troy ounces of gold is the very least accepted for purchase. If you can send enough more to give your deposit a gold content of two full troy ounces, I shall be glad to have you do so, otherwise this material will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 17, 1932

Mr. David Edmonds,
Hansen, Idaho. C/o L.W. Peterson

Dear Sir:

Referring to your small consignment under date of the 15th instant, I have to advise that 2 full troy ounces of gold is the very least amount accepted for purchase by the Mint of material of this kind, while your consignment weighs only 55/100 of a troy ounce and I doubt very much if it consists of gold.

Under these conditions, I would suggest that you forward me the necessary postage and insurance for the return of your material to you.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

August 17, 1932

Mr. J. L. Mermelstein,
1910 Main Street,
Parsons, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 15th instant, which weighs upon receipt here 8.31 troy ounces, I have to advise that it is necessary that deposits have a value of \$100.00 which is the least amount accepted for purchase by the Mint, and it appears doubtful that your material will contain that value.

I would suggest that you send 2 ounces or more of similar material to be added to this lot in order that your deposit will contain the required value. In the meantime, I am holding your material without treatment until further advised by you in the premises.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

August 17, 1932

Mr. F. E. Pearl,
C/o Pearl & Son,
14 First West, Hutchinson, Kansas.

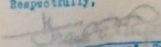
Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 16th instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots having a value of \$100.00 or over, provided, such deposits contain at least one-fifth of their weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. If this proportion of the precious metals is doubtful, sufficient high grade silver should be included to be sure that the deposit will meet this requirement.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction, for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and a treatment charge varying from $\frac{1}{4}$ to $8\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per ounce, determined by the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

August 17, 1932

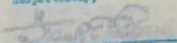
Mr. A. C. Grosheg,
Woodruff, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your small consignment under date of the 15th instant, consisting of three pieces of gold teeth having a weight upon receipt here of 47/100 of a troy ounce, I have to advise that deposits of this character are not accepted in lots having a value under \$100.00 and it will be necessary for you to send me the necessary postage and insurance for the return of this gold to you.

In this connection, please be advised that the Mint does not purchase platinum nor separate it from other metals with which it may be forwarded for return to the depositor.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

August 17, 1933

Mr. Tom Bell,
Orogrande, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 15th instant, I have this day returned to you by insured mail the gold and sand forwarded by you to this Mint, using 22¢ of the one dollar in currency enclosed with your letter for that purpose and returning herewith 78¢ in stamps to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of service to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

August 17, 1932

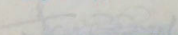
Mr. John Fleming,
Box 52,
Clifton, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 13th instant,
I have this day returned to you by insured parcel post
the small amount of gold forwarded by you to this Mint
for purchase using the 10¢ in stamps enclosed with your
letter for that purpose.

Regretting that I was unable to assist you in
this matter, I am

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

August 17, 1932

Mr. F. M. Staples, 136 W. Virginia Ave.
Gunnison, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 12th instant, I have this day returned to you the amalgam and gold forwarded by you to this institution, using 13¢ of the 25¢ in postage enclosed with your letter for that purpose and returning 12¢ in stamps herewith to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

August 18, 1932

Mr. William Hoecks,
Hildreth, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 16th instant, I have to advise that if the gold to which you refer consists of placer or raw mined gold, it may be forwarded here in lots containing at least two troy ounces of gold, which should be free from sand, rock or other foreign substances.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice which should state the source from which the gold has been produced.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 18, 1932

Mr. William E. Clark,
3323 Dunham Avenue,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 16th instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots having a value of \$100.00 or over, provided such consignments contain at least one-fifth of their weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. If this proportion of the precious metals is doubtful, sufficient high-grade silver should be included to be sure that the deposit will meet this requirement.

The Mint is unable to furnish information as to the methods to be employed for determining the value of miscellaneous gold and silver articles, nor does it sell or recommend any appliances to be used in connection therewith.

It is generally necessary to send from seven to fifteen ounces of gold containing 18 carats down to 8 carats to equal \$100.00 in value, and as the charges for separating and refining bullion are based on the amount of base metal contained in deposits, the greater the proportion of high carat gold, the less these charges will be.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction, for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and a treatment charge varying from $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ per ounce, depending upon the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

$\frac{3}{4}$ stamp returned

August 18, 1932

Mr. Phil Judd,
327 South Arizona Street,
Butte, Montana.

Dear Sir:

I have your consignment under date of the 12th instant, weighing upon receipt here 18.36 troy ounces, and have to advise that as such deposits must contain a minimum value of \$100.00, it appears doubtful that your material will comply with this requirement, and I would therefore suggest that you send so much additional high-grade gold as may be necessary to give your consignment that value.

Should I proceed to treat this material and find thereafter that its value does not equal \$100.00, it would be necessary to impose the charges that have been incurred for such treatment which will, of course, be a needless expense to you.

Kindly advise me promptly concerning your wishes in this matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

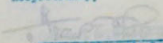
August 18, 1932

Mr. S. F. Strong,
412 San Juan Street,
La Junta, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 17th instant,
please be advised that the Mint does not manufacture proof
coins but uncirculated coins may be obtained upon applica-
tion to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington,
D.C. as per the enclosed circular.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

August 18, 1932

Mr. Fred W. Davis,
Salmon, Idaho. Box 232

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 16th instant, you are advised that placer gold is accepted by the Mint in lots of 2 troy ounces or over, and that amalgam is not accepted in any quantity.

There is an United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, which will accept gold under the same conditions but not in smaller quantities.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice stating the source from which the gold has been produced.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

August 18, 1932

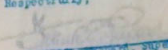
Boulder National Bank,
Boulder, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of two small retorts from you for the account of the Metals Production Company, Sherman & Scruggs, lessees, and the Logan Mine, Ada Yates, lessee, weighing upon receipt here, respectively, 2.44 troy ounces and 3.20 troy ounces, and have to advise that to date I have not received from you a letter of advice concerning this shipment.

Please advise me at your earliest convenience regarding these two lots and in future kindly accompany each consignment with a letter of advice as the regulations do not permit the treatment of deposits until such a letter has been received by us.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:E

August 19, 1932

Mr. Charles Niccum,
Black Hawk, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have received, with your name enclosed, one small retort having a troy weight of 2.91 ounces which I am holding awaiting the receipt from you of a letter of advice pertaining thereto.

The regulations of the Mint require that a letter of advice must be received before deposits may be entered on our books for treatment and upon receipt of such a letter from you, I will proceed to treat your material. Please let me hear from you promptly in this matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

August 19, 1932

Mr. Dick Thacher,
Morristown, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt from you of a small retort, weighing 1.27 troy ounces, and regret to advise that I cannot accept this shipment for treatment as the regulations require that no deposit be accepted by the Mint having a weight under two full troy ounces of gold. If you can send the additional gold necessary to give your consignment the required weight, I shall be glad to have you do so, otherwise your material will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Should you send the additional gold to increase the weight of your consignment, please accompany same with a letter of advice which should state the source from which this gold has been produced.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

August 19, 1932

Mr. W. R. Deckard,
Pine, Idaho. Box 12

Dear Sir:

Referring to your small retort, weighing upon receipt here 2.72 troy ounces, please be advised that the regulations of the Mint require the receipt of a letter of advice from the depositor before deposits may be entered on our books for treatment, and I therefore have to request that you forward me such a letter at your earliest convenience. This letter should state the source from which the gold has been produced.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

August 19, 1932

Mr. C. A. Burke,
General Delivery,
Sheridan, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter and consignment under date of the 16th instant, I have to advise that your material upon receipt here weighs 22.61 troy ounces, instead of 24 ounces and 2 pennyweights as stated by you. This weight has been carefully checked at the Mint and as your package was received intact and does not appear to have been tampered with in transit, I have entered your material for treatment as you request returns as soon as possible.

Trusting my action in this matter will be satisfactory to you, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

August 19, 1932

Messrs. Green & Farmer,
Exchange National Bank Building,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 16th instant and in reference to the samples forwarded by you, I have to advise that although the Mint does not make determinations of mineral bearing specimens, those forwarded by you appear to consist of practically pure galena which usually carries some silver and sometimes a small amount of gold.

I think it would be well worth your while to have an analysis made of these samples, which can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at the following rates for each sample:

Gold	-	\$1.00	Copper	-	\$2.00
Silver	-	1.00	Zinc	-	2.00
Lead	-	1.50			

If you desire the return of the samples you have forwarded here, kindly send me the necessary postage and insurance as the Mint has no fund out of which such expense may be met.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

August 19, 1932

Mr. B. Kirchner,
Peshastin, Washington.

Dear Sir:

Your letter addressed to the Denver Assay Company and enclosing money order for \$1.00 has been referred to this Mint by the post office, although the samples to which you refer therein have not yet been received.

The Mint does not make assays of any kind of mineral bearing samples, but work of this kind can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Seattle, Washington, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver, each sample - money order for the proper amount to accompany your samples. Your money order is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

August 19, 1932

Mr. D. F. Kerna,
110 West 14th Street,
La Junta, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a small deposit of grains weighing 65/100 of a troy ounce, which includes considerable dirt, and have to advise that the minimum deposit of raw or placer gold accepted by the Mint for purchase is two full troy ounces of gold and must be practically free from all foreign substances.

I have also to advise that a letter of advice was not received with this deposit which is necessary before deposits are entered on our books for treatment.

If you are unable to send practically two ounces of gold to increase the weight of your deposit, will you kindly forward the necessary postage and insurance for the return of this material to you.

Respectfully,

~~FRANK E. SHARP, Superintendent~~

CH:T

August 19, 1932

Barrie Jewelry Company,
1608 Capitol Avenue,
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Gentlemen:

Referring to a shipment of industrial scrap gold forwarded by you to this Mint and weighing upon receipt here 12.09 troy ounces, please be advised that the regulations require that a letter of advice covering the deposit be received from the depositor before the same may be entered on our books for treatment and I therefore have to request that you will write me promptly in regard to this shipment.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Shepard, Superintendent.

CH:T

August 19, 1932

Mr. Rufus L. Givin,
Wister, Oklahoma. Route 1.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 17th instant, please be advised that the Mint does not make assays of mineral bearing ores but reliable work of this kind can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver, each sample. Money order for the proper amount payable to that office must accompany your sample.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

Stamped envelope returned

August 19, 1922

Bank of Arizona,
Prescott, Arizona.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a consignment consisting of one retort and amalgam grains, weighing 9.60 troy ounces, bearing your label on the outside but to date have not received from you a letter of advice pertaining thereto, such a letter being necessary before deposits may be entered on our books for treatment.

Please write me promptly concerning this deposit, stating the source from which the gold has been produced.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 18, 1932

Mr. A. D. Sager,
Fort Steele, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 16th instant in which you state you are mailing samples of rock for assay, please be advised that the Mint is not equipped to do work of this kind. Reliable assays, however, can be made for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver, each sample - money order for the proper amount to accompany your material.

Your sample has not yet been received but when it reaches the Mint, it will be returned to you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OW:T

August 19, 1932

Mr. Milton R. Field,
5024 North Winthrop,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 18th instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00, provided, such material contains at least one-fifth of its weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. If this proportion of the precious metals is doubtful, sufficient high grade silver should be included to make sure that the deposit will meet this requirement.

It is generally necessary to send from 7 to 15 ounces of gold containing 18 karats down to 8 karats to equal \$100.00 in value, and as the charges for separating and refining bullion are based on the amount of base metal contained in deposits, the greater the proportion of high-karat gold, the less these charges will be.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and the treatment charge above referred to, which varies with the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice and may be forwarded by registered or insured mail, or by express, charges prepaid.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:7

August 19, 1932

Mr. Theo H. Lampe,
132 Live Stock Exchange Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 18th instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00, provided, such material contains at least one-fifth of its weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. If this proportion of the precious metals is doubtful, sufficient high grade silver should be included to make sure that the deposit will meet this requirement.

It is generally necessary to send from 7 to 15 ounces of gold containing 18 karats down to 8 karats to equal \$100.00 in value, and as the charges for separating and refining bullion are based on the amount of base metal contained in the deposit, the greater the proportion of high-karat gold, the less these charges will be.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction, for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and the treatment charge above referred to, which varies with the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

Stamped envelope returned.

August 19, 1932

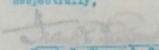
Secretary & Treasurer,
Princeton Gold Mining Company,
Butte, Montana.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 18th instant, I have to advise that deposits received at this Institution are usually paid on the third or fourth days after their receipt if homogeneous assays are obtained, due allowance being made for intervening Sundays and holidays.

Trusting this is the information you desire.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Sheperd, Superintendent

CH:T

August 20, 1932

Bank of Arizona,
Jerome, Arizona.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of an advice from you dated the 15th instant, No. 1913, stating you are shipping 10-5/8 ounces of bullion under separate cover and am also in receipt from the Bank of Arizona at Prescott of a retort and small amalgam grains having a gross weight of 9.60 troy ounces, with which there was enclosed nothing to identify same with your advice.

If the shipment from the bank at Prescott is the gold to which your advice pertains, please send me some identifying information, such as the registry number or other statements from which I may know that your advice has reference to the shipment from Prescott.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

August 20, 1932

Hon. Ralph Carr,
United States District Attorney,
Post Office Building,
Denver, Colorado.

My dear Mr. Carr:

Referring to our telephone conversation of yesterday regarding the regulations requiring depositors to state the source from which their bullion has been obtained, I am enclosing the card "Production Source of Bullion Deposits", and also an abstract of the regulations governing the receipt of deposits at the Mint.

Trusting this is the information desired by you,

I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

August 19, 1932

Mr. Roy Wiley,
Motor Route No. 3,
Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your request of the 18th instant for book on old coins, please be advised that the Mint does not deal in old coins in any manner and I therefore have no books or pamphlets for distribution that would be of any assistance to you in this matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 19, 1932

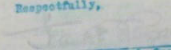
Mr. W. L. Oldroyd,
Room 332, South Station,
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 16th instant, please be advised that of the list of one cent bronze pieces mentioned by you, only the one-cent bronze piece of the coinage 1921 is available at the present time, application for which must be made to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D.C. as per the enclosed circular.

Upon receipt of authority from the Treasurer, I shall take pleasure in sending you some of these coins.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CE:T
Stamped envelope returned

August 20, 1932

Mr. John E. White,
926 West 17th Street,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 17th instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots having a value of \$100.00 or over, provided, such material contains at least one-fifth of its weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. If this proportion of the precious metals is doubtful, sufficient high grade silver should be included to make sure that the deposit will meet this requirement.

It is generally necessary to send from 7 to 15 ounces of gold containing 18 karats down to 8 karats to equal \$100.00 in value, and as the charges for separating and refining bullion are based on the amount of base metal contained in deposits, the greater the proportion of high-karat gold, the less these charges will be.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction, for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and the treatment charges above referred to, which vary from $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ per ounce, depending upon the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:2

August 20, 1932

Mr. George S. Lee,
126 Grand Avenue Court,
Iowa City, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 17th instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots having a value of \$100.00 or over, provided such material contains at least one-fifth of its weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. If this proportion of the precious metals is doubtful, sufficient high grade silver should be included to make sure that the deposit will meet this requirement.

It is generally necessary to send from 7 to 15 ounces of gold containing 18 karats down to 8 karats to equal \$100.00 in value, and as the charges for separating and refining bullion are based on the amount of base metal contained in deposits, the greater the proportion of high-karat gold, the less these charges will be. It is not necessary to melt your gold before forwarding it to the Mint.

The Mint pays \$80.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction, for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and the treatment charge above referred to, varying from $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ per ounce, depending upon the amount of base metal contained in the material.

There are a great many parties who are buying old gold and after accumulating sufficient quantities forward it to the Mint for purchase and while I do not know what profits they make out of such transactions, it is presumed that it must pay them.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank V. Shepard, Superintendent

August 20, 1932

Messrs. A. J. Mercer and
C. W. Stoddard,
Bountiful, Utah.

Gentlemen:

Complying with the request contained in your joint letter of the 9th instant, I have returned to you by insured mail the sand and gold forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using for that purpose the \$4⁴/₅ in postage enclosed with your letter.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

August 20, 1932

Mr. Frank Walck,
Saratoga, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 16th instant, I have returned to you by insured mail the small amount of gold forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using 13¢ of the 21¢ in postage enclosed with your letter for that purpose and returning herewith 8¢ in stamps to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:T
Enclosure

August 20, 1932

Mr. John D. Squier,
326 Garfield Street,
Fort Collins, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 12th instant,
I have returned to you the small amount of gold forwarded by
you to this Mint for purchase using the 4¢ in stamps en-
closed with your letter for that purpose.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to
you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CS:T

August 20, 1932

Mr. Donald McInnes, Assistant Cashier,
The First National Bank,
Boulder, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your note of the 19th instant, I have to advise that my check of August 18th in the sum of \$33.46 was in payment of the deposit for the account of C. D. Woods. Check in payment of your collection No. 10148, for the account of Fred C. Walters, was issued you yesterday, all of which information I have no doubt you now have at hand.

I regret that the first check did not carry the information that it was in payment of your collection No. 10092, it having inadvertently been omitted on the memorandum of returns.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:T

August 22, 1932

Phelps Dodge Corporation,
40 Wall Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 19th instant relative to the copper purchased from you on my order No. 1, Contract T4m-99, I have to request that shipment be made by you as early as may be convenient and that you will advise me promptly when you anticipate this may be done.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

August 22, 1932

Weisser Jewelry Company,
313 South Adams Street,
Peoria, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 19th instant, in which you state you are forwarding a package containing two items - one box of old gold weighing about 38 ounces and the other plated scrap - I have to advise that upon receipt here, the package which I would identify as containing old gold weighs 34.73 troy ounces and the plated scrap weighing 37.10 troy ounces.

Please advise me if these weights are satisfactory to you, and in this connection I have to say that the value of the plated ware could not be determined individually as it does not contain the value and fineness which it must have in order to be treated as a deposit, although the two lots could be combined as one deposit and one memorandum of return and check sent you thereafter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

August 22, 1932

Mr. Edwin G. Smith,
1316 Cherokee Street, Apt. 2,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Smith:

I am enclosing a communication under date of the 11th instant from the Chief of Division of Appointments, Treasury Department, being a Notice of Separation from the Service, in accordance with the Act of June 30, 1932.

Kindly sign the lower portion of this notice where provided and return same to me at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

August 22, 1932

Mr. Richard C. Waters,
2641 Federal Boulevard,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Waters:

I am enclosing communication under date of the 11th instant from the Chief of Division of Appointments, Treasury Department, being Notice of Separation from the Service, in accordance with the Act of June 30, 1932.

Kindly sign the lower portion of this notice where provided and return same to me at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

August 22, 1928

American Metals Company, Ltd.,
New York City, New York.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your response to my recent invitation for proposals on forty tons of cathode copper, cut 5" x 12", delivered at this city, please be advised that the following responses were received:

Phelps Dodge Corporation	\$5.575¢ per lb.
Am.Smeltng & Refining Co.	\$5.775¢ " "
Metal Sales Corporation	\$6.000¢ " "
American Metals Co. Ltd.,	\$6.180¢ " "

Thanking you for having responded to my invitation, I am

Respectfully,

Frank F. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 22, 1922

George J. Bellamy,
Metal Sales Corporation,
25 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen: In reply to your letter of the 17th instant,

Replying to your letter of the 18th instant, I have to advise that in response to my invitation for proposals on forty tons of cathode copper, mat 6" x 12", delivered at this city, the following proposals were received:

Phelps Dodge Corporation	\$ 6.75¢ per lb.
Am. Smelting & Refining Co.	6.75¢ " "
Metal Sales Corporation	6.00¢ " "
Am. Metals Co., Ltd.,	6.10¢ " "

Thanking you for having responded to my invitation,

I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CR:T

August 22, 1932

Mr. George J. DeVinney,
Montrose, Colorado, U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 19th instant, I have to advise that deposits of old gold scrap and small quantities of placer gold can be purchased only in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and a precious metal content equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the material. Placer gold, however, may be forwarded in lots of two full troy ounces or over, as the Mint can purchase new or placer gold in this small quantity, but combinations of placer gold and gold in manufactured articles can only be accepted in lots having a value of at least \$100.

Respectfully,

Frank X. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 22, 1933

Mr. M. L. Bartey,
3441 Portland Avenue, South,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 19th instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase old gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00, provided, such material contains at least one-fifth of its weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. If this proportion of the precious metals is doubtful, sufficient high grade silver should be included to make sure the deposit will meet this requirement. The Mint does not purchase platinum nor undertake to separate it from the other metals contained in the deposit for return to the depositor.

It is generally necessary to send from 7 to 15 ounces of gold containing 18 karats down to 8 karats to equal \$100.00 in value, and as the charges for separating and refining bullion are based on the amount of base metal contained in the deposit, the greater the proportion of high-grade gold, the less these charges will be. It is not necessary to melt the material into a bar before forwarding it to the Mint.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction, for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and the treatment charge above referred to, which varies from $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ per ounce, depending upon the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

August 22, 1932

Thomas J. Lee and Company,
55 East Washington Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 19th instant, I have to advise that the number of deposits being received at the Mint at the present time is exceedingly large but every effort is being made to pay for these deposits within three or four days after their receipt, due allowance being made for intervening Sundays and holidays, although no guarantee can be given that payment will be made within that time but as early as it may be possible to do so.

Each deposit must have a minimum value of \$100.00 and contain at least 200 assay parts of the precious metals out of a possible 1000. When the fineness of the bullion may be readily determined approximately, if the depositor so desires, an advance payment of 90% of the value of the deposit may be made, provided, that the deposit contains a value of at least \$2000 in gold.

If you desire to forward your bullion here, kindly accompany same with a letter of advice containing full instructions as to method of payment, etc., and it will be treated as promptly as possible.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:R
Enclose circular

August 22, 1932

Arthur A. Everts Company,
Main and Murphy Streets,
Dallas, Texas;

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of the 17th instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00, provided, such material contains at least one-fifth of its weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. If this proportion of the precious metals is doubtful, sufficient high grade silver should be included to make sure the deposits will meet this requirement.

The Mint does not purchase platinum nor undertake to separate it from the other metals contained in the deposit for return to the depositor. It is not necessary to melt the material before forwarding it to the Mint.

It is generally necessary to send from 7 to 15 ounces of gold containing 16 karats down to 8 karats to equal \$100.00 in value, and as the charges for separating and refining bullion are based on the amount of base metal contained in the deposit, the greater the proportion of high-grade gold, the less these charges will be.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction, for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and the treatment charge above referred to which varies from $\frac{1}{16}$ to $\frac{3}{16}$ per ounce, depending upon the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

August 22, 1932

Mr. Fred Tecker,
318 South Willamett,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment received here on the 17th instant, I regret to say that after melting and assaying this material its value has been found to be considerably below the minimum accepted for purchase. Your bar has accordingly been rejected and our treatment charges amounting to \$2.00 imposed thereon, which you are requested to forward me by money order at your earliest convenience.

In order to render your material acceptable for purchase it will be necessary for you to send approximately \$25 in good gold for addition thereto in order that its value will approximate \$100.00, but before this may be done, however, the above charges will have to be paid.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 22, 1932

Mr. R. V. Barden,
109 South Main Street,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 20th instant in which you state you are forwarding a package containing about 19 ounces of scrap gold, I have to advise that upon receipt here your gold weighs 16.03 troy ounces. Please advise me promptly if this weight is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 22, 1932

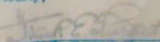
Mr. Sam Friedman,
206 West Broadway,
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 12th instant, I have to advise that after melting and assaying your material its value has been found to be considerably below the minimum accepted for purchase - your material having a value of approximately \$75.00. Under these conditions, the regulations require the rejection of your deposit and the imposition of such charges as have been incurred up to the time of its rejection, which in this case amounts to \$2.00, which you are requested to forward me at your earliest convenience.

If you desire to reenter this material as a deposit, please forward sufficient high-grade gold to be added to this bar to give it a value of at least \$100.00, but before any action may be taken in this matter, the above charges must be paid.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 22, 1932

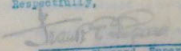
Mr. Dick Spencer,
Cray, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 18th instant advising that you are forwarding 12½ troy ounces of bullion, please be advised that upon receipt here your retort and accompanying grains weigh 11.85 troy ounces, and in view of the fact that your package was received intact and does not appear to have been tampered with while in transit, I have proceeded to treat your bullion but thought it proper to call your attention to this discrepancy at once. I believe that this discrepancy in weight may probably be due to your bullion having dried considerably as it is still quite damp.

Trusting that my action in this matter may be satisfactory to you, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 22, 1932

Mr. E. L. Payson,
Craig, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 19th instant, I have to advise that upon receipt here your gold weighed 2.26 troy ounces - the weight being checked by two employees and your package did not appear to have been tampered with in transit. Our scales are checked each day for accuracy and there is no doubt but this is the correct weight of your material as received.

In your letter of advice you stated that you were forwarding two ounces and over of placer gold collected with mercury and I have no doubt some of the moisture had evaporated which would cause some loss in weight.

When depositors state the exact weight of the bullion they are forwarding and a smaller amount is received, their attention is called to the discrepancy if it amounts to an appreciable difference.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CR:T

August 23, 1932.

Mr. E. F. Peterson,
Montrose, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 19th instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00, provided, such material contains at least one-fifth of its weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. If this proportion of the precious metals is doubtful, sufficient high grade silver should be included to make sure the deposit will meet this requirement. The Mint does not purchase platinum nor undertake to separate it from the other metals contained in the deposit for return to the depositor.

It is generally necessary to send 7 to 15 ounces of gold containing 18 karats down to 8 karats to equal \$100.00 in value, and as the charges for separating and refining bullion are based on the amount of base metal contained in the deposit, the greater the proportion of high-grade gold, the less these charges will be. It is not necessary to melt the material into a bar before forwarding it to the Mint.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction, for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and the treatment charge above referred to, which varies from $\frac{1}{16}$ to $\frac{3}{16}$ per ounce, depending upon the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

August 22, 1922

Mr. L. Welke,
508 West Douglas,
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 19th instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00, provided, such material contains at least one-fifth of its weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. If this proportion of the precious metals is doubtful, sufficient high grade silver should be included to make sure the deposit will meet this requirement. The Mint does not purchase platinum nor undertake to separate it from the other metals contained in the deposit for return to the depositor.

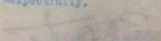
It is generally necessary to send from 7 to 15 ounces of gold containing 10 karats down to 8 karats to equal \$100.00 in value, and as the charges for separating and refining bullion are based on the amount of base metal contained in the deposit, the greater the proportion of high-grade gold, the less these charges will be. It is not necessary to melt the material into a bar before forwarding to the Mint.

The Mine pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and the treatment charges above referred to, which varies from $\frac{1}{16}$ to $\frac{3}{16}$ per ounce, depending on the amount of base metal contained in the material.

The Mint does not issue permits to purchase old gold for resale to the Mint under any circumstances.

Should you forward any consignments to the Mint, please accompany same with a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

August 22, 1922

Mr. J. Maicol,
127 San Pedro Avenue,
San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 19th instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00, provided, such material contains at least one-fifth of its weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. If the proportion of the precious metals is doubtful, sufficient high grade silver should be included to make sure the deposit will meet this requirement. The Mint does not purchase platinum nor undertake to separate it from the other metals contained in the deposit for return to the depositor.

It is generally necessary to send from 7 to 15 ounces of gold containing 18 karats down to 8 karats to equal \$100.00 in value, and as the charges for separating and refining bullion are based on the amount of base metal contained in the deposit, the greater the proportion of high-grade gold, the less these charges will be. It is not necessary to melt the material into a bar before forwarding to the Mint.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and the treatment charge above referred to, which varies from $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ per ounce, depending upon the amount of base metal contained in the deposit.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 22, 1928

Mr. Charles E. Bloomquist,
1044 Cleveland Avenue,
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

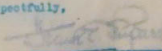
Answering your letter of recent date, you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00, provided, such material contains at least one-fifth of its weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. If this proportion of the precious metals is doubtful, sufficient high grade silver should be included to make sure the deposit will meet this requirement. The Mint does not purchase platinum nor undertake to separate it from the other metals contained in the deposit for return to the depositor.

It is generally necessary to send from 7 to 15 ounces of gold containing 18 karats down to 8 karats to equal \$100.00 in value, and as the charges for separating and refining bullion are based on the amount of base metal contained in the deposit, the greater the proportion of high-grade gold, the less these charges will be. It is not necessary to melt the material into a bar before forwarding it to the Mint.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction, for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and the treatment charge above referred to, which varies from $\frac{1}{10}$ to $\frac{8}{10}$ per ounce, depending upon the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Stamps returned

August 23, 1932

Mr. Louis Pollitzer,
C/o Sarah-Olive Bank,
St. Louis, Missouri.

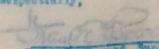
Dear Sir:

I am enclosing communication received from the Treasurer of the United States with reference to check No. 17404 dated July 11, 1932, in amount \$131.29, which was forwarded to you in payment of your deposit at this institution and which you have advised has been lost in transit.

Please also find enclosed herewith blank form of bond and blank form of affidavit, both of which you are requested to execute in strict accordance with instructions accompanying these documents.

After executing these forms, please promptly return same to me and I will issue a duplicate check for forwarding and approval by the Secretary of the Treasury, who will authorize the issue of the duplicate check if the bond and information obtained are found satisfactory to him.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosures

August 23, 1922

Mr. W. E. Murphy,
1344 Chipeta Avenue,
Grand Junction, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Your small consignment, weighing upon receipt here 4/100 of a troy ounce which you desire added to the material already forwarded by you weighing 1.91 troy ounces, has been received.

As you have already been advised the minimum amount accepted for purchase is two full troy ounces of gold, and I am therefore unable to treat your deposit which can only be done when you have complied with this regulation.

If you desire, your material will be returned to you upon the receipt by me of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 23, 1938

Mr. J. C. Holliday,
3019 North Lamar,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 20th instant, I have to state that as soon as it is discovered that a die has broken or that the pieces being struck indicate that one of the dies shows wear, the dies in both cases are immediately removed from the press and new dies substituted.

A record is kept of the number of pieces struck by each die before it develops any defects and most dies will strike many hundred thousand pieces before cracking or wearing sufficiently to be discarded. The main purpose of this record being to keep a check on the quality of the steel out of which the dies are made and this record therefore is of internal use only, and owing to the fact that a very careful and frequent inspection is made of the pieces being struck and a die is removed immediately it is known to have developed any defects, there exists no record of pieces struck subsequent to the discovery that the die is defective as it is not used thereafter.

As you have already been advised all coins are carefully examined and any coin showing even the slightest defect is remelted with other material and although despite all precautions a defective coin will at times leave the Mint, such occurrences are rare and contrary to all regulations and intent so far as the Mint is concerned. I am therefore unable to understand your statement that "most of the small cents, the 1928 dollar and the new Washington quarter dollar" are outstanding illustrations of coins showing "die-breaks", particularly as there are comparatively very few of the last two mentioned coins in circulation. The one-cent bronze piece is the only cent piece minted and hence I do know to what coin you refer in speaking of the "small cent", and I would appreciate your sending me a coin of any denomination which you think shows a broken die.

I may say further that many coins are tampered with

Mr. Holliday

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after being put into circulation which exhibit in consequence apparent defects or peculiarities for which the Mint is in no way responsible, the coins having left the Mint in perfect condition.

Respectfully,

Frank H. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 23, 1932

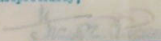
Mr. C. H. Clarkson,
Manter, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a small sample of rock bearing your name on the label without a letter of advice stating the purpose for which you have forwarded this sample. This rock is of no value but if you desire to have it assayed, reliable work of this kind can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver, money order for the proper amount to accompany your sample.

If you desire the return of the sample you have forwarded here, please send me the necessary postage and insurance for that purpose.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 23, 1932

Mr. R. A. Leitch,
Sherman, Texas. Box 534

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 19th instant, weighing upon receipt here 4.72 troy ounces, I have to advise that the Mint does not accept amalgam for purchase, nor gold in the form of manufactured articles in lots having a value under \$100.00 which amount your material will not contain.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance, your material will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

August 23, 1932

Mr. L. B. Worthington,
Clayton, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 19th instant, I have to advise that your small consignment upon receipt here weighs 1.80 troy ounces and as the minimum amount accepted for purchase by the Mint is two full troy ounces of gold, I am unable to purchase this gold.

If you can forward the additional gold necessary to bring the weight of your material up to two full troy ounces, I shall be glad to have you do so, otherwise please send the necessary postage and insurance at your very earliest convenience for the return of your gold to you.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 23, 1932

Mr. Matt Impola,
Orv, Minnesota. Box 214

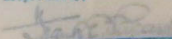
Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 18th instant inclosing a money order for \$4.00 to defray the expense of making an assay of two small pieces of metal also enclosed with your letter, and have to advise that after preparing your metal for assay it evidences being composed almost entirely of lead, under which circumstances I hesitate to take your \$4.00 for an assay when in advance it is quite evident your metal does not contain any gold or silver.

If, however, you insist that an assay be made, I, of course, will be glad to make it for you and use the \$4.00 which you have forwarded here for that purpose.

If you are satisfied not to go any further in the matter, I will return your money order and the matter will be considered closed.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 23, 1932

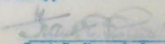
Mr. C. F. Howard,
Dawson, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your small consignment under date of the 20th instant, weighing upon receipt here 51/100 of a troy ounce, please be advised that the Mint does not purchase less than two full troy ounces of placer gold.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance, your gold will be returned to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

August 24, 1932

Mr. F. C. Bowman,
Idaho Springs, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Bowman:

I have your letter of the 13th instant in regard to making payment for your recent deposit and under separate cover take pleasure in forwarding you check in payment as requested.

Due to a fortunate combination of circumstances it was possible to comply with your request for early payment in this instance, but owing to the very large number of deposits which is being received, I doubt if in future it will be possible to again expedite payment to this extent and would suggest that you allow from three to five days to have your deposits treated at the Mint.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:7

August 24, 1932

Mr. W. W. Clark,
Red Cliff, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 22nd instant, weighing upon receipt here 1.20 troy ounces, I have to advise that two full troy ounces of gold is the minimum amount received for purchase by the Mint and unless you can forward the additional amount necessary to give your deposit the required weight, kindly send me the necessary postage and insurance for the return of your material to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CE:7

August 24, 1932

Mr. A. Loss, Jr.,
Chickasha, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your postal card of the 22nd instant,
I have to advise that check in payment of your recent de-
posit at this Mint was forwarded you on the 16th instant to
Muskogee, Oklahoma, in accordance with the instructions con-
tained in your letter of advice, and if upon receipt of this
letter it has not been received by you, I would suggest that
you write to the postmaster at that town calling his attention
to our change in address.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:F

August 24, 1922

Mr. Arthur J. Why,
1719 West Hancock Avenue,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 16th instant, I have to advise that this Mint started operations in September, 1904, and therefore subsequent to the demise of Frederick Houde, concerning whom you desire information as to his whereabouts during the period 1890 to 1900.

The former United States Assay Office in this city known as the Mint at Denver was established in 1862 and prior to that time there was no Government assay office in this city and only the more recent records of this office are now accessible, and I regret to say that the method of recording deposits received makes it almost impossible to identify the shipments of any one individual or organization unless the approximate date, name of the mine and locality from which received can be furnished.

If the name of the organization of Mr. Houde can be furnished me, I will search such records as are now available, but in view of the fact that our deposits have increased many times over their normal number in the past few months, which taxes the time of all employees, the number of which has been reduced by recent economy measures passed by the last Congress, it will probably be sometime before I will have an employee who can be spared for this work which will require a search of all the records that have been kept from day to day of all deposits received.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 24, 1922

Mr. F. A. Davy,
Garnet, Montana.

Box 25

Dear Sir:

The regulations require that before deposits may be entered on our books for treatment and purchase, it is necessary that a letter of advice be received from the depositor covering each consignment and I therefore have to request that you will advise me concerning your consignments at this institution.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

P.S. -- Since writing the above I have received the enclosed letter which you will note bears no signature and if this letter pertains to your consignments, kindly sign your name and return it to me.

August 24, 1922

Mr. H. C. Larsen,
Santa Rita, New Mexico. Box 648

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your consignment of amalgam and natural grains, weighing upon receipt here 2.32 troy ounces, and have to advise that the regulations of the Mint require that each consignment be accompanied by a letter of advice before same may be entered upon our books for treatment. Kindly send me such a letter at your earliest convenience in order that your material may be entered for treatment and purchase.

Respectfully,

Frank H. Shepard, Superintendent

OH.T

August 24, 1932

Mr. William C. Brickell,
Tinton, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your small shipment, weighing upon receipt here 1.80 troy ounces, and as two full troy ounces is the minimum amount which the Mint may accept for purchase, it will be necessary for you to add at least 16/100 or 16/100 of a troy ounce more of good gold to this shipment in order that it may be accepted for purchase; otherwise, kindly send the necessary postage and insurance for its return to you. Should you forward this additional gold, kindly accompany same with a letter of advice.

I do not find from my records the receipt of any large amount of gold from Bear Creek, South Dakota.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 24, 1922

Mr. A. J. Edwards,
Milton, Utah.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your two small bottles of amalgam grains, having a gross weight of 56/100 of a troy ounce, and have to advise that as the regulations of the Mint require each deposit of placer gold to have a weight of at least two full troy ounces, I am unable to accept your grains for purchase. Kindly send me the necessary postage and insurance for the return of this gold to you, unless you can send the additional amount of gold to give your deposit the required weight, in which case please accompany same with a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


FRANK W. SHEPARD, Superintendent

CH:7

August 24, 1922

Mr. Frank Zeitz,
Leadville, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your recent deposit, weighing upon receipt here 2.90 troy ounces, please be advised that the regulations require that before deposits may be entered on our books for treatment and purchase, it is necessary that a letter of advice be received from the depositor covering each consignment and I therefore have to request that you will write me promptly concerning your deposit.

Respectfully,

Frank T. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 24, 1932

H. C. Kirkberg, Inc.,
Port Dodge, Iowa.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your consignment of industrial scrap gold and fillings, but to date have not received from you a letter of advice pertaining to this deposit. As such a letter is necessary before deposits may be entered on our books for treatment and purchase, I have to request that you will write me promptly.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OS:7

August 24, 1932

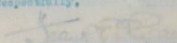
Mr. Dick Tinsley,
Herristown, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your small retort, weighing upon receipt here 1.23 troy ounces, please be advised that two full troy ounces of placer gold is the very least the Mint may accept for purchase.

If you can send the additional amount necessary to give your material the required weight, I shall be glad to have you do so, accompanying same by a letter of advice, but if this not convenient, kindly send the necessary postage and insurance for the return of your gold to you.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

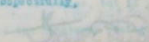
August 24, 1928

Mrs. B. E. Rowson,
General Delivery,
Holbrook, Arizona.

Dear Madam:

I am returning herewith the fragment of paper currency enclosed with your letter of the 22nd instant and have to advise that fragmentary currency is redeemed only by the Treasurer of the United States in Washington D.C., to whom I would suggest you send this fragment, together with a statement of the conditions under which it was destroyed.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

August 24, 1932

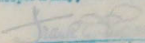
Mr. L. D. Hodge,
Bollinsville, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your small retort, weighing upon receipt here 1.23 troy ounces, and have to advise that two full troy ounces of gold is the very least amount the Mint may accept for purchase.

If you can send the additional amount of gold necessary to give your material the required weight of two troy ounces, I shall be glad to have you do so, accompanying same with a letter of advice, but if you are unable to do this, please send the necessary postage and insurance for the return of your retort to you.

Respectfully,


Frank V. Shepard, Superintendent

OS:T

August 24, 1922

Mr. F. L. Hubbard,
Baker, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 22nd instant, I have to advise that the Mint does not make analyses of mineral bearing specimens and while the Mint does not recommend any outside dealers, it probably will be necessary for you to go to some private assayer for determinations of metals belonging to the platinum group - none of the Mint Service institutions doing work of that kind.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 21, 1932

Mr. Emil Carlson,
Maturita, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have to advise that your two retorts forwarded here under date of the 22nd instant weigh upon receipt here 1.90 troy ounces and in view of the fact that the regulations do not permit the acceptance of placer gold under two full troy ounces, it will be necessary for you to forward 10/100 to 15/100 of an ounce more of good gold to be added to this consignment. Kindly accompany same with a letter of advice unless you desire the return of these retorts, in which case please send the necessary postage and insurance for that purpose.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 24, 1932

George Kadin Company,
314 Empire Building,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Gentlemen:

I have to advise that your consignment under date of the 20th instant weighs upon receipt here 22.37 troy ounces instead of 1000 pennyweights, which would equal 50 ounces, as stated by you.

I am holding your material without treatment and have to request that you will advise me promptly if the weight as received here is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

August 24, 1932

Mrs. C. H. Cady,
Plaza, North Dakota.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your inquiry of the 21st instant,
I regret that I am unable to give you the address of any
reliable dealer in old coins - the Mint not dealing in
such articles nor having any information concerning such
matters.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Stamped envelope returned

August 24, 1932

Mr. Frank Locke,
c/o W. H. Hay,
Livingston, Montana.

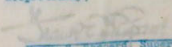
Dear Sir:

Replying to your note of the 20th instant, you are advised that the Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits, less \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and a treatment charge which is based on the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Deposits of placer gold may be forwarded in lots of two full troy ounces, each consignment to be accompanied by a letter of advice which should state the source from which the gold has been produced.

I would suggest that you write to Ainsworth & Sons, The Denver Fire Clay Company, or The Mine & Smelter Supply Company, all of this city, for the weights desired by you - the Mint not dealing in such articles.

Respectfully,


FRANK E. SHEPARD, Superintendent

CH:T

August 28, 1938

Mr. C. W. Epperson,

Bank of Mexico,
Neosho, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your inquiry of the 22nd instant, you are advised that the Mint does not make assays of mineral bearing specimens. Reliable work of this kind, however, can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at the following charges, for each sample:

Gold	-	\$1.00	Copper	-	\$2.00
Silver	-	1.00	Zinc	-	2.00
Lead	-	1.50			

Money order, or certified check for the proper amount must accompany your samples.

Respectfully,

 Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 25, 1932

Mr. Pete Balans,
La Veta, Colorado. Box 94

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request of the 18th instant, I have returned to you by insured mail the gold and mercury forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using $14\frac{1}{2}\%$ of the 18% in postage enclosed with your letter for that purpose and returning $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ in stamps herewith to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of service to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T
Enclosure

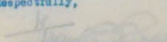
August 25, 1932

Mr. W. B. Gilmore,
Payette, Idaho, 124 North 8th.

Dear Sir:

Your consignment under date of the 22nd instant, weighing upon receipt here 1.25 troy ounces can not be purchased as the Mint does not accept less than two full troy ounces of gold. Please forward either the additional material necessary to give your deposit the required weight, or send the necessary postage and insurance for the return of your gold to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 25, 1932

Mr. Richard McCarthy,
56 East Granite Street,
Butte, Montana.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the last paragraph of your letter of the 20th instant, please be advised that the smallest amount of gold accepted by the Mint for purchase is two full troy ounces of placer gold.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

August 26, 1932

Mr. E. Y. Billups,
Alamogordo, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a consignment of amalgam weighing 5.36 troy ounces unaccompanied by a letter of advice which must accompany each consignment to the Mint.

In this connection, I have to advise that the Mint does not accept amalgam for purchase and it will be necessary to have the mercury distilled off before forwarding to the Mint.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance, your material will be returned to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:F

August 25, 1932

Chicago-Haughatuck Crucible Company,
283 Canal Street, Shelton, Connecticut.

Sirs:

I am returning herewith your invoice No. K-32-419, covering certain graphite articles shipped on my order No. 345, dated June 10, 1932, and your attention is invited to the following discrepancies between the items invoiced and those received. All the articles were carefully checked by two parties as they were unpacked.

<u>Items</u>	<u>Invoiced</u>	<u>Received</u>
Standard Graphite Crucibles No.20 -	50	54
Special Graphite 9-inch Stirrers -	106	90
Standard Graphite Covers No.100 -	105	103 good; 2 broken

As we cannot make any increase in your invoice, I would suggest that you render a new invoice which will agree with the actual number and cost of the articles received in good condition, and please note in this connection that invoices must be signed in the name of the firm as well as bear the name and title of the officer signing same.

Your prompt attention will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CR:T

August 25, 1932

George Kadin Company,
314 Empire Building,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Gentlemen:

Referring to my letter of the 24th instant, I have to advise that we now have two deposits from you, one weighing 22.37 troy ounces and the other 50.87, and no doubt your letter of advice under date of the 20th instant pertains to the last deposit. I have accordingly entered same for treatment, and I presume the letter of advice covering the first deposit, weighing 22.37 troy ounces, will be received shortly.

In this connection, I would suggest that you inclose with each package a memorandum that will connect the material with your letter of advice covering same. If you would give each consignment a number, there would be no difficulty in establishing the relation of the consignment to the letter of advice.

Trusting that my action in this matter is satisfactory to you, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

August 25, 1932

Mr. E. M. Fulbright,
Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 24th instant, I have to advise that placer gold is accepted by the Mint in lots having a weight of two full troy ounces or over, for which is paid \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained therein, less \$1.00 for melting and a treatment charge based upon the amount of base metal included in such material, this charge varying from $\frac{1}{16}$ to $\frac{3}{16}$ per ounce. The Mint does not accept amalgam in any amount.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:T

August 25, 1932

Mr. F. H. Wisley,
Grand Junction, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 19th instant in which you request that your two consignments of gold amalgam, having a total weight of 23.19 troy ounces, be delivered to Burlingame & Parker of this city for treatment and then returned to the Mint for purchase, I have to state that I have this day delivered your material to Burlingame & Parker, but in view of the fact that there would be no way for them to receive their charges for such treatment without considerable delay due to the necessity of writing you and awaiting your reply before returning your bullion to the Mint, I would suggest that you permit Burlingame & Parker to treat this material and purchase it from you instead of having them send it to the Mint. This would expedite very materially the receipt by you of returns on your bullion.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:2

August 25, 1932

Mr. Sam Friedman,
406 West Broadway,
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Referring to my letter to you under date of the 22nd instant, I stated that it was necessary to reject your deposit owing to the fact that it did not contain a value of \$100.00, which is the smallest amount purchased, but would probably approximate \$75.00, and that accordingly our treatment charges, amounting to \$2.00 had been imposed thereon. I have received the payment of these charges but am unable to purchase your bullion for the reason above stated.

In order to have your material accepted for purchase, you will have to increase its value to at least \$100.00, and to do this you should forward not less than \$25.00 in good gold to be melted therewith. If you do not desire to do this, your gold will be returned you by express, collect, or if you prefer, it will be returned you by insured parcel post upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:T

August 25, 1932

Republic National Bank & Trust Company,
Dallas, Texas.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a consignment with one of your collection slips enclosed No. 33592, consisting of two buttons with a gross weight of 8.78 troy ounces, and have to advise that deposits are not accepted for purchase unless accompanied by a letter of advice.

Kindly advise me concerning this shipment at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:T

August 25, 1932

Mr. William M. Dardis,
2072 Holly Street,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Dardis:

I have been advised by the Chief, Division of Appointments, Treasury Department, that you have been granted an annuity of \$1,022.96 per annum, commencing July 1, 1932, as a former employee of the United States Mint at Denver.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

August 25, 1932

Mr. G. T. Everett, Jr.,
General Delivery,
Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 23rd instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00, provided, such material contains at least one-fifth of its weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. If this proportion of the precious metals is doubtful, sufficient high grade silver should be included to make sure the deposit will meet this requirement. The Mint does not purchase platinum nor undertake to separate it from the other metals contained in the deposit for return to the depositor.

It is generally necessary to send from 7 to 15 ounces of gold containing 18 karats down to 8 karats to equal \$100.00 in value, and as the charges for separating and refining bullion are based on the amount of base metal contained in the deposit, the greater the proportion of high-grade gold, the less these charges will be. It is not necessary to melt the material into a bar before forwarding it to the Mint.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction, for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and the treatment charge above referred to, which varies from $\frac{1}{16}$ to $8\frac{1}{16}$ per ounce, depending upon the amount of base metal contained in the material. Payment is usually made within three or four days after the receipt of the deposit, due allowance being made for intervening Sundays and holidays.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

August 25, 1932

Mr. Thomas S. Newman,
504 South Locust Street,
Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 23rd instant enclosing medal awarded you by the town of Hopedale, Massachusetts, after your discharge from the army in 1919, and regret to say that the Mint can not purchase this medal from you as gold in the form of manufactured articles may not be purchased in lots having a value under \$100.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and registry fee, your medal will be returned you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

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August 26, 1932

Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Company,
Denver, Colorado.

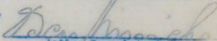
Gentlemen:

This will acknowledge receipt of your cash remittances of 99¢ and 16¢ as commission on collections from telephone booths Ma-9972 and Ke-9725, respectively, for the period July 19th to August 11th, 1932.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Spehard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

OK:T

August 26, 1932

Mr. P. W. Smith,
1050½ Main Street,
Joplin, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 24th instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00, provided, such material contains at least one-fifth of its weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. If this proportion of the precious metals is doubtful, sufficient high grade silver should be included to make sure the deposit will meet this requirement. The Mint does not purchase platinum nor undertake to separate it from the other metals contained in the deposit for return to the depositor.

It is generally necessary to send from 7 to 15 ounces of gold containing 16 karats down to 8 karats to equal \$100.00 in value, and as the charges for separating and refining bullion are based on the amount of base metal contained in the deposit, the greater the proportion of high-grade gold, the less these charges will be. It is not necessary to melt the material into a bar before forwarding it to the Mint.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction, for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and the treatment charge above referred to, which varies from $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢ to $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ per ounce, depending upon the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

James H. Brown
Acting Superintendent

August 26, 1932

Mr. Harold Martin,
122 Live Stock Exchange,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 24th instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00, provided, such material contains at least one-fifth of its weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. If this proportion of the precious metals is doubtful, sufficient high grade silver should be included to make sure the deposit will meet this requirement. The Mint does not purchase platinum nor undertake to separate it from the other metals contained in the deposit for return to the depositor.

It is generally necessary to send from 7 to 15 ounces of gold containing 16 karats down to 8 karats to equal \$100.00 in value, and as the charges for separating and refining bullion are based on the amount of base metal contained in the deposit, the greater the proportion of high-grade gold, the less these charges will be. It is not necessary to melt the material into a bar before forwarding to the Mint.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction, for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and the treatment charge above referred to, which varies from $\frac{1}{16}$ to $\frac{8}{16}$ per ounce, depending upon the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

August 26, 1932

Mrs. Mary L. Caywood,
Mayer, Arizona.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of the 23rd instant in which you state my check, No. 18080, in amount \$113.32, in payment of your shipment of July 26th was short in value practically half an ounce, and have to advise that this check was in payment of your shipment of July 26th which you invoice as having a weight of 6.555 ounces. On July 30th you were advised that this shipment weighed 6.05 troy ounces, or half an ounce less than stated by you. Under date of August 8th you advised me that this weight would be satisfactory to you; your shipment of July 18th also having been invoiced at half an ounce in excess of the weight as received here, of which weight you gave your approval in your letter of July 27th.

For your information the following table will show the shipments received from you in July and payments made. I am also enclosing copies of your letters in which you state your approval of the weight of your material when received at the Mint.

<u>Your Shipment</u>	<u>Your Weight</u>	<u>Mint Weight</u>	<u>Pd. by Chk. No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
July 6		6.40	17464- 7/13	\$118.10
	*(6.555	6.05		
July 18	(2.00	12.01	17816- 8/4	145.75
July 26	** 6.555	6.05	18080- 8/18	113.32
Aug. 9	6.002	6.01	18033- 8/17	112.53

* Your letter of July 27th states Mint weight O.K. Copy herewith

** Your letter of August 8th states Mint weight O.K. " "

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

[Signature]
Acting Superintendent

OR:T

Enclosure

August 26, 1932

Wagner Brothers,
Attention: George G. Wagner,
Telluride, Colorado.

Dear Sirs:

I have to advise that your consignment under date of the 24th instant has been melted and assayed and found to contain base metal far in excess of the maximum permitted in deposits which may be accepted for purchase and your bar has accordingly been rejected and our treatment charge amounting to \$1.00 imposed thereon. You are requested to forward this amount by money order at your earliest convenience, when your bar will be returned you at your expense, or if you desire to reenter it as a deposit, you should send not less than 5 ounces of high-grade silver to be melted therewith in order to reduce the proportion of base metal contained therein. Before this can be done, however, the above charges must be paid.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Don Birch
Acting Superintendent

OH:7

August 26, 1932

Mr. J. W. Siegel,
227 West Third Street,
Davenport, Iowa.

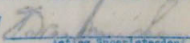
Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 24th instant, I have to advise that in looking over your material I find included therein a ring with "platinum" written on the envelope in which it is enclosed, and due to the fact that the Mint does not purchase platinum, this ring will be returned to you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

OH:T

August 26, 1932

Mr. E. C. Crowley,
Waldron, Arkansas. Box 118

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 24th instant, I would suggest that you correspond with -

The Mint & Smelter Supply Company,
The Denver Fire Clay Company,
Stearns-Roger Manufacturing Company, or
Hendrie & Bolthoff Manufacturing & Supply Company,

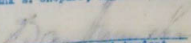
all of this city, for the mining equipment you desire.

The Mint does not purchase ore and such material should be sent to a smelter such as the Golden Cycle Corporation, Colorado Springs, Colorado, or the American Smelting & Refining Company, at Omaha, Nebraska, or Leadville, Colorado.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

OH:2

August 27, 1932

Mr. J. G. Holliday,
2019 North Lamar,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 25th instant and am returning herewith the 25¢ piece you enclosed therewith and wish to thank you for forwarding this coin to me for examination.

While it would be impossible for me to say definitely that the marks to which you refer are not evidences of a broken die without an examination of the particular die with which this piece was struck, I am more inclined to believe that they are due to slight imperfections on the face of the die, although, of course, the very distinct mark might indicate that the die is beginning to open at that point.

These pieces require a pressure of forty to fifty tons each and therefore any dust or other material settling on the die would leave its impression on the coin, as does also any very slight imperfection in the texture of the steel. You must allow for the fact that coins are scratched after leaving the press and also the Mint.

As previously stated, it is practically impossible to have every coin absolutely perfect.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

August 27, 1932

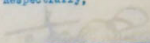
Mr. A. D. Sager,
Fort Steele, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 27th instant, I have this day returned to you by insured mail the sample of rock forwarded by you to this institution, using the 15¢ in stamps enclosed with your letter for that purpose.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

August 27, 1922

Mr. David Edmunds,
C/o L. W. Peterson,
Hansen, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 21st instant, I have this day returned to you by insured mail the small amount of gold forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ of the 18¢ in postage enclosed with your letter for that purpose and returning herewith 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ in stamps to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

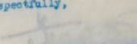
August 27, 1932

The Diamond Shop,
155 South Main Street,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 24th instant, weighing upon receipt here 9.09 troy ounces, please be advised that it is doubtful if this material will contain a value of \$100.00 which all deposits of such material must have in order to be acceptable for purchase by the Mint. I would therefore suggest that you send some more good gold to be added to this lot in order that its value will be sufficient.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

August 26, 1932

Mr. C. C. Bauman,
Sallisaw, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 24th instant, please be advised that the Mint does not have publications on any subject for distribution and if there are any Government bulletins on the subject mentioned by you, they would probably be issued by the United States Bureau of Mines, Post Office Building, Denver, Colorado.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Don Kinrich
Acting Superintendent

CH:T

August 27, 1932

Mrs. Ben Hurst,
Tarkio, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Referring to your sample of sand forwarded to this Mint for assay, please be advised that while the Mint does not make assays of such material, a careful examination of this sand indicates that it does not contain any values in the precious metals, and I am returning it to you herewith.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

August 29, 1932

Mr. E. C. Brigham,
Vice-President & Cashier,
The Peoples National Bank,
Kingfisher, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your inquiry of the 26th instant,
please be advised that the Mint is not equipped to make as-
says of mineral bearing specimens but reliable work of this
kind can be done for you by the United States Assay Office
at Salt Lake City, Utah, at the following charges, for each
sample:

Gold	-	\$1.00	Copper	-	\$2.00
Silver	-	1.00	Zinc	-	2.00
Lead	-	1.50			

Money order for the proper amount must accom-
pany the samples.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:f

Stamped envelope returned

August 29, 1932

Mr. Richard C. Waters,
2641 Federal Boulevard,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Waters:

I have been advised by the Chief, Division of Appointments, Treasury Department, that you have been granted an annuity of \$639.95 per annum at your retirement as a former employee of this institution, commencing July 1st, 1932.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:T

August 29, 1932

Messrs. Cayton & Paulson,
General Delivery,
Cripple Creek, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 27th instant, I regret to say that the Mint can not accept consignment of black sand concentrates, although placer gold when practically free from black sand is accepted in lots of two full troy ounces or over - the Mint paying therefor at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold, less \$1.00 for melting and a treatment charge which varies according to the amount of base metal contained in such material.

Kindly accompany any shipments you may forward here with a letter of advice which should state the source from which the gold has been produced.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

August 29, 1922

Dr. F. L. Brodie,
1422 West Third Street,
Chester, Pennsylvania,

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of recent date, you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00, provided, such material contains at least one-fifth of its weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. If this proportion of the precious metals is doubtful, sufficient high grade silver should be included to make sure the deposit will meet this requirement. The Mint does not purchase platinum nor undertake to separate it from the other metals contained in the deposit for return to the depositor.

It is generally necessary to send from 7 to 15 ounces of gold containing 18 karats down to 8 karats to equal \$100.00 in value, and as the charges for separating and refining bullion are based on the amount of base metal contained in the deposit, the greater the proportion of high-grade gold, the less these charges will be. It is not necessary to melt the material before forwarding it to the Mint.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in the deposit and the New York market price, less the fraction, for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and the treatment charge above referred to, which varies from $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to $8\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per ounce, depending upon the amount of base metal contained in the deposit.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

GH:T

August 29, 1932

First National Bank,
Butte, Montana.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your recent consignment, your collection No. 72370, weighing upon receipt here 45.48 troy ounces, and am proceeding to treat this material but would request that in future you accompany your consignments with a signed letter of advice - the Mint regulations requiring that such a letter be received by me for each deposit.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:T

August 28, 1902

Mr. Richard McCarthy,
Butte, Montana.

Dear Sir:

Relative to your telegram of the 26th instant requesting that your bar No. 997 be reassayed for its gold fineness, I have to advise that I have had this material re-assayed and this re-assay confirms in every way the original assays upon which payment for your bar was made you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 29, 1928

Dr. G. S. Ewing,
Hocker, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of recent date, you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 provided, such material contains at least one fifth of its weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. If this proportion of the precious metals is doubtful, sufficient high-grade silver should be included to make sure the deposit will meet this requirement. The Mint does not purchase platinum nor undertake to separate it from the other metals contained in the deposit for return to the depositor.

It is generally necessary to send from 7 to 15 ounces of gold containing 18 karats down to 8 karats to equal \$100.00 in value, and as the charges for separating and refining bullion are based on the amount of base metal contained in the deposit, the greater the proportion of high-grade gold, the less these charges will be. It is not necessary to melt the material into a bar before forwarding it to the Mint.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction, for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and the treatment charge above referred to, which varies from $\frac{1}{16}$ to $\frac{1}{8}$ per ounce, depending upon the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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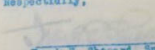
August 29, 1932

Mr. Frank M. Leonard,
Manager, Lake Shore Mine,
Casa Grande, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 26th instant, I have to advise that the Mint will purchase placer gold in amounts as small as two troy ounces of gold, the only condition being that each consignment have this weight and be accompanied by a letter of advice, which should state the source from which the bullion has been produced.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 29, 1932

Mr. H. J. Saferstein,
C/o Sapphire Jewelry Company,
2517 East 39th Street,
Kansas City, Missouri.

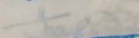
Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 25th instant, I have to advise that your three lots of gold have been received, the weight of each lot being as follows:

Your Lot, 191 dwts, 14-karat gold	9.57	Troy Ozs.
Your Lot, 148 oss. gold filled watchcases ..	176.25	" "
Your Lot, Spectacle frames & gold filled		
scrap	12.68	" "
Total	198.45	" "

Owing to the very large amount of base metal contained in the last two lots, it will be necessary for you to send at least 50 ounces of high-grade silver in order that the pure gold and silver content in the mass of these lots will equal at least 200 assay parts put of a possible 1000 in the precious metals - no deposit being accepted for purchase which does not comply with this requirement.

Respectfully,


FRANK E. SHEPARD, Superintendent

OH:T

August 29, 1932

Mr. Joseph D. Duran
117 West Central Avenue,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of recent date, you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00, provided, such material contains at least one-fifth of its weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. If this proportion of the precious metals is doubtful, sufficient high grade silver should be included to make sure the deposit will meet this requirement. The Mint does not purchase platinum nor undertake to separate it from the other metals contained in the deposit for return to the depositor.

It is generally necessary to send from 7 to 15 ounces of gold containing 18 karats down to 8 karats to equal \$100.00 in value, and as the charges for separating and refining bullion are based on the amount of base metal contained in the deposit, the greater the proportion of high-grade gold, the less these charges will be. It is not necessary to melt the material before forwarding it to the Mint.

The Mint pays \$20.57 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction, for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and the treatment charge above referred to, which varies from $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ per ounce, depending upon the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OB:T

August 29, 1932

Mr. S. Alsofon,
1003 Metropolitan Building,
33 John R Street,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 22nd instant, I am enclosing a letter from our Assayer, which may be of some assistance to you in solving the problems mentioned in your communication.

Respectfully,

Frank S. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

August 27, 1932

Hon. Frank E. Shepard
Superintendent, U. S. Mint
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

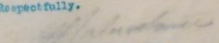
Referring to Mr. S. Alzofon's letter dated at Detroit, Mich., August 22, 1932, beg to offer the following suggestions in reply to the information he requests.

In making up his melts of scrap for granulating, he must be sure that at least a ratio of three parts or more of base. (copper, silver, pickle etc.,) to one of gold exists, as it is impossible to remove all the base with nitric acid unless this ratio does prevail.

Digest the granulations first with hot dilute nitric acid (3 acid 2 water), after all action has apparently ceased, the solution allowed to settle and decanted or syphoned off, the gold residue is again treated a second and possibly a third time with hot concentrated nitric acid and boiled, finally after washing several times with hot water the remaining residue of gold should approximate 24 K fine.

In the second paragraph of Mr. Alzofon's letter regarding the silver chloride, am at loss to know just what information he seeks, if it is only to obtain clean silver chloride, that can only be accomplished by continued washing with hot water.

Respectfully,


C. C. Malmstrom, Assayer

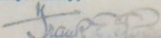
August 29, 1932

Mr. A. E. Pratt,
805 North Mesa Avenue,
Montrose, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 27th instant, which you state weighs $2\frac{1}{4}$ ounces, you are advised that your material upon receipt here has been found to weigh 2.23 troy ounces and as this is considerably less than stated by you, I have to request that you will advise me promptly if the Mint's weight meets with your approval.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

August 29, 1937

Mr. Solomon Kober,
Billings, Montana.

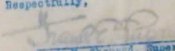
Dear Sir:

Referring to the sample of ore forwarded by you to this Mint for assay, please be advised that the Mint is not equipped to make assays of mineral bearing specimens. Reliable work of this kind, however, can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Helena, Montana, or Salt Lake City, Utah, at the following charges for each sample; money order for the proper amount to accompany your samples:

Gold	-	\$1.00	Copper	-	\$2.00
Silver	-	1.00	Zinc	-	2.00
Lead	-	1.50			

If you desire the return of the sample you have forwarded here, kindly send the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

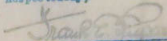
August 29, 1932

Mr. J. E. Rogers,
Durkee, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 26th instant, weighing upon receipt here 1.94 troy ounces, please be advised that two full troy ounces of gold is the very least amount accepted for purchase by the Mint and I therefore have to request that you will send from 10/100 to 15/100 of an ounce more of gold to be added to this lot in order that it will meet our requirement as to weight. If you are unable to do this, please send the necessary postage and insurance for the return of your gold to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:W

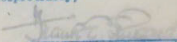
August 29, 1932

Mr. Charles E. Lewis,
Powell, Wyoming,

Dear Sir:

Referring to your small consignment under date of the 25th instant, weighing upon receipt here 69/100 of a troy ounce, please be advised that two full troy ounces of gold is the very least amount that may be accepted by the Mint for purchase, and I therefore have to request that you will send the necessary postage and insurance for the return of this gold to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

August 29, 1932.

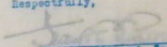
Mr. Victor Austin, Vice President,
Anderson Brothers Bank,
Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the small nugget forwarded by you under date of the 25th instant, please be advised that two full troy ounces of gold is the very least amount that may be accepted by the Mint for purchase and I therefore have to request that you will send me the necessary postage and insurance for the return of this nugget to you.

Regretting that I am unable to be of assistance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,



Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 29, 1932

Mr. J. J. Potvin,
Red Cliff, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith the duplicate copy of lease on the dumps of the Pine Martin group between yourself and J. E. Anderson and have to advise that only one check may be issued in payment of a deposit, under which conditions the Mint cannot send you royalty payment on any deposit that may be forwarded here by Mr. Anderson, this being a matter which you and Mr. Anderson will have to settle between yourselves.

The Mint does not accept ores for purchase and all deposits must therefore be in bar form, retorts with the mercury distilled off, or free gold.

Mr. Anderson should accompany each consignment with a letter of advice stating the source from which his bullion has been obtained and in this letter of advice request that a duplicate copy of the Mint returns be mailed you at Red Cliff, Colorado, or such address as may be proper.

From this memorandum of returns you will be furnished information as to the weight of his bullion, before and after melting, its fineness, the charges imposed by the Mint and the net amount paid Mr. Anderson.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

Enclosure

DENVER AUGUST 30, 1932

JOSTEN MANUFACTURING COMPANY
OWATONNA MINNESOTA

YOUR CONSIGNMENT AUGUST TWENTYSIXTH THREE KINGS WHICH
TWO TWENTY TWO POINT SIXTY TWO OUNCES INSTEAD OF ONE THIRTY ONE
AS STATED BY YOU. PLEASE ADVISE.

Superintendent Mint

Collect at Owatonna.

August 30, 1932

Krause Gold Refinery,
Mrs. W. P. Krause,
Kansas City, Missouri. P.O. Box 948

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 26th instant with which you return my check No. 18160 dated the 24th instant, in amount \$1,004.91 in payment of your deposit of the 22nd instant, which you desire to withdraw if a reassay confirms the determinations upon which payment for this bar was made you, I have to advise that a reassay of this gold confirms completely the original determinations, and your bar will be returned you as requested upon receipt of money order for \$1.00 to cover our melting charges on this deposit.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

MEYER

AUGUST 30, 1932

C. E. GISH
CUSTER SOUTH DAKOTA

YOUR TWO LOTS ELEVEN AND TWO HUNDRED TWO RECEIVED AND
CHECK MAILED TWENTY FIFTH INSTANT IN AMOUNT NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY NINE
DOLLARS EIGHTY TWO CENTS.

Donald E. Shepard
Superintendent Mint

Collect at Custer

August 30, 1932

Mr. Alto E. Madden,
Basin, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of August 20th stating you were forwarding one retort of gold to this institution for treatment and purchase and have to advise that this retort has not yet been received here and I deem it proper to advise you to that effect.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

August 30, 1932

Mr. J. P. Hartman,
C/o Jose P. Vigil,
Arroyo Hondo, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

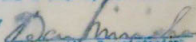
Referring to the small amount of gold forwarded with your letter of the 29th instant and the sample of black sand which you have marked "platinum", I have to advise that the Mint does not purchase platinum and your retort of gold is of insufficient weight to be purchased - two full troy ounces being the minimum amount received.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance these two lots will be returned you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Sheppard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

OE:F

August 30, 1932

Mr. D. Siegel,
114 East Third Street,
Davenport, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of advice under date of the 25th instant stating you are forwarding under separate cover a package of old gold, I have to request that you will kindly furnish me as nearly as you can remember a description of the contents of your package and its approximate weight.

Thanking you for this information at your earliest convenience, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:2

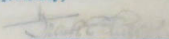
August 30, 1932

Mr. J. M. Siegel,
227 West Third Street,
Davenport, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

I have to request that you will kindly advise me promptly as to the weight, value and description of a recent consignment received at this institution, bearing your name on the outside - no letter of advice having been received by me.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 31, 1932

Mr. E. C. Nieman,
Clayton, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter and consignment under date of the 26th instant, the latter weighing upon receipt here 1.90 troy ounces, please be advised that the regulations of the Mint do not permit the acceptance of deposits of placer gold having a weight under two full troy ounces of gold, under which conditions, I have to request that if possible you send me from 15/100 to 20/100 of an ounce more of similar material to give your deposit the required weight, and if you are unable to do this, please send me the necessary postage and insurance for the return of your material to you.

Please advise me promptly of your wishes in this matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK: T

August 31, 1932

The Busy Corner Pharmacy,
Attention: Mr. F. B. Wilson,
Telluride, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 24th instant, forwarding a small deposit weighing upon receipt here 3.15 troy ounces, a portion of which consists of jewelry scrap, I have to advise that deposits of this small weight are accepted only when the material consists of placer gold only - deposits containing industrial scrap not being accepted in lots having a value under \$100.

I have made an exception in this instance but have to request that in future when forwarding placer gold to the Mint you exclude all industrial gold unless you have at least \$100 worth.

Placer gold is accepted in lots as small as two full troy ounces.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 31, 1932

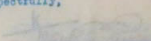
Mr. M. F. Metcalfe,
Hot Springs, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of recent date forwarding a small consignment of old gold, weighing upon receipt here 37/100 of a troy ounces, please be advised that scrap gold and articles of old jewelry are purchased by the Mint when sent in lots having a value of at least \$100, and when the material contains at least one fifth of its weight in the precious metals.

Under the above conditions, I am unable to accept your small shipment and it will be returned to you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

August 21, 1932

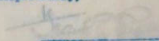
Mr. G. C. Ison,
1105 Kansas Street,
Woodward, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the piece of rock which you have forwarded to this institution, you are advised that while the Mint does not make assays of material of this kind, this rock appears to consist of sulphate of barium or barite which has no metallic content.

I am returning herewith the one dollar in currency enclosed with your letter and if you desire the return of the rock you have forwarded here, please send me the necessary postage and insurance for that purpose.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:T
Enclosure

August 31, 1932

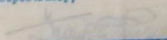
The Valley Store, Inc.,
Willcox, Arizona.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 25th instant forwarding two small lots weighing, respectively, 60/100 of a troy ounce from E. M. Beasley, and 1.66 troy ounces without name, for which you would like to have separate returns, I have to advise that only such lots as have the requisite amount of a deposit may be treated separately, or each lot must have a weight of two full ounces of gold. Under these conditions, separate returns can not be made you on these two lots but they may be combined into one deposit and one check and memorandum of returns made you thereon.

Please advise me promptly of your wishes in this matter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 31, 1932

North Side State Bank,
Rock Springs, Wyoming.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your collection No. 2551 for the account of P. G. Leonard forwarding one small button of gold, weighing upon receipt here one troy ounce, please be advised that the regulations of the Mint do not permit the purchase of placer gold deposits having a weight under two full troy ounces of gold, under which conditions, I am unable to purchase this consignment.

If Mr. Leonard can send another full troy ounce of gold, I shall be glad to have him do so, otherwise, please forward the necessary postage and registry fee for the return of this button to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 31, 1932

Mr. Tom W. Anderson,
P. O. Box 22,
Tyrone, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the material forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, I have to advise that the Mint does not accept deposits of this character and upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your consignment will be returned you. Please forward this postage to me at your earliest convenience as our vault space is very limited and it will be necessary to throw this material away if we do not hear from you promptly.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 31, 1932

Mr. C. R. Suarez,
104 Hereford Drive,
Togales, Arizona,

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of recent date, you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00, provided such material contains at least one-fifth of its weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. If this proportion of the precious metals is doubtful, sufficient high grade silver should be included to make sure the deposit will meet this requirement. The Mint does not purchase platinum nor undertake to separate it from the other metals contained in the deposit for return to the depositor.

It is generally necessary to send from 7 to 15 ounces of gold containing 18 karats down to 8 karats to equal \$100.00 in value, and as the charges for separating and refining bullion are based on the amount of base metal contained in the deposit, the greater the proportion of high-grade gold, the less these charges will be. It is not necessary to melt the material into a bar before forwarding it to the Mint.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and the treatment charge above referred to, which varies from $\frac{1}{16}$ to $\frac{8}{16}$ per ounce, depending upon the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

FRANK H. SHEPARD, Superintendent

August 31, 1932

Mr. A. D. Barrow,
Gibbonsville, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 26th instant, I have to advise that when desired by the depositor consignments may be paid for in currency if so requested in his letter of advice.

Consignments of placer gold are accepted in lots as small as two troy ounces of gold which should be free from black sand and other foreign substances.

Please accompany each consignment with a letter of advice which should state the method of payment desired and the source from which the gold has been produced.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

OS:T

August 31, 1932

Mr. P. W. Smith,
1050½ Main Street,
Joplin, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 29th instant and in reply have to state that the Mint cannot quote you any price in advance for the purchase of your material. As stated in my letter to you of the 26th instant, the Mint will purchase old gold when it has a minimum value of \$100.00, such material requiring from 7 to 15 ounces of 18-karat down to 8-karat gold to equal \$100.00, and that at least one-fifth of the weight of such articles to consist of pure gold and silver. The value of such material can be determined only after melting and assaying it, by means of which the Mint ascertains the exact pure gold and silver content.

Owing to the large number of deposits now being received, it requires from four to six days to treat deposits and ascertain the amount to be paid. If you desire to send your material here for purchase, it will be treated promptly and payment made you for its value, less the customary Mint charges as previously stated.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

August 31, 1932

Mr. Max Kusmer,
5223 Lotus Avenue,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of recent date, you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00, provided, such material contains at least one-fifth of its weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. If this proportion of the precious metals is doubtful, sufficient high grade silver should be included to make sure the deposit will meet this requirement. The Mint does not purchase platinum nor undertake to separate it from the other metals contained in the deposit for return to the depositor.

It is generally necessary to send from 7 to 15 ounces of gold containing 18 karats down to 8 karats to equal \$100.00 in value, and as the charges for separating and refining balance are based on the amount of base metal contained in the deposit, the greater the proportion of high-grade gold, the less these charges will be. It is not necessary to melt the material before forwarding it to the Mint.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction, for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and the treatment charge above referred to, which varies from $\frac{1}{16}$ to $\frac{3}{16}$ per ounce, depending upon the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

~~Wm. A. Shepard, Superintendent~~

OK:T
stamped envelope returned

August 31, 1932

Elizabeth Connor,
Spencer, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of recent date, you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00, provided, such material contains at least one-fifth of its weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. If this proportion of the precious metals is doubtful, sufficient high grade silver should be included to make sure the deposit will meet this requirement. The Mint does not purchase platinum nor undertake to separate it from the other metals contained in the deposit for return to the depositor.

It is generally necessary to send from 7 to 15 ounces of gold containing 18 karats down to 8 karats to equal \$100.00 in value, and as the charges for separating and refining bullion are based on the amount of base metal contained in the deposit, the greater the proportion of high-grade gold, the less these charges will be. It is not necessary to melt the material before forwarding it to the Mint.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction, for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and the treatment charge above referred to, which varies from $\frac{1}{16}$ to $\frac{3}{16}$ per ounce, depending upon the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

August 31, 1932

Mr. J. W. Siegel,
227 West Third Street,
Davenport, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find a platinum ring which was found included in your recent shipment to this institution and which is being returned you as the Mint does not purchase that metal. Please acknowledge the receipt of this ring and oblige.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure
Stamps returned

August 31, 1932

Mr. S. Rosenstein,
1912 - 15th Avenue, North,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment of recent date containing three lots -

1 box, containing bar and industrial scrap		
Gold, weighing - - - - -	26.48	troy ounces
1 box, spectacle frames, weighing - - -	5.70	" "
1 box, nose clips and frames, weighing -	24.40	" "

I have to advise that as the last two items contain a considerable quantity of base metal, it will be necessary when these three lots are combined for you to send at least 6 or 10 ounces of sterling silver to be added thereto to offset the amount of base metal contained in such material. The regulations require that deposits contain at least one-fifth of their weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver, as well as have a value of \$100.

Your material is accordingly being held without treatment pending the receipt of this silver.

In regard to the 400 or 500 ounces of material of the same kind to which you refer, you are advised that if this material contains \$100.00 in value, 100 or 125 ounces of sterling silver will be required to render such material acceptable for purchase.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

[Signature]
Acting Superintendent

CH:T

September 1, 1932

Mr. Charles Carris, Manager,
Carris Jewelry Company,
1116 - 20th Street,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

I have just received your postal card of the 11st
ultimo in regard to the payment on your recent deposit at
this institution and have to advise that my letter contain-
ing check was mailed to you addressed to the Carris Jewelry
Company, Des Moines, Iowa, - your letter of advice not bear-
ing any street address. This letter was returned to me in
this morning's mail and was re-mailed addressed as follows:

Carris Jewelry Company,
c/o Charles Carris, Manager,
Des Moines, Iowa.

I would suggest that you make inquiry at your
local post office concerning this letter.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

OB:T

September 1, 1932

Mr. Elmer Wendt,
Whitewood, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 29th ultimo, I regret to say that it cannot be accepted for purchase by the Mint as such consignments must contain not less than two full troy ounces of gold, while your grains weigh only 1.80 troy ounces.

If convenient, I would suggest that you send 25/100 or 30/100 of an ounce more to be added to this lot and have to request that you will advise me promptly if you can do this, and if not, please forward the necessary postage and insurance for the return of your gold to you.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

September 1, 1932

Mr. Walter Smith,
Clifton, Arizona. Box 952

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 29th ultimo, I would suggest that you forward your gold to the Mint by registered mail or by insured parcel post - accompanying same with a letter of advice stating the source from which the gold has been produced.

In this connection, please be advised that deposits of placer gold must contain at least two full troy ounces of gold - no deposits being accepted which do not contain the required weight of two troy ounces.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Stamped envelope returned

September 1, 1932

Mr. William Bober,
102 West Exchange,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 27th ultimo as to what disposition might be made of the burned silver coins which you have purchased, I have to advise that if it is still possible to identify the metal as coins of the United States, they will be purchased at their bullion value - the regulations not permitting the redemption of mutilated coins at their face value.

I would suggest that you forward this metal here with a letter of advice requesting advice as to what you could be allowed for same after an examination.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:T

September 1, 1932

Mr. C. R. Waddle,
202 West 30th Street,
Kearney, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of the 31st ultimo, you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00, provided, such material contains at least one-fifth of its weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. If this proportion of the precious metals is doubtful, sufficient high-grade silver should be included to make sure the deposit will meet this requirement. Silver is not purchased unless accompanied by an appreciable amount of gold. The Mint does not purchase platinum nor undertake to separate it from the other metals contained in deposits for return to the depositor.

It is generally necessary to send from 7 to 15 ounces of gold containing 18 karats down to 8 karats to equal \$100.00 in value, and as the charges for separating and refining bullion are based on the amount of base metal contained in the deposit, the greater the proportion of high-grade gold, the less these charges will be. It is not necessary to melt the material before forwarding it to the Mint.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and the treatment charges above referred to, which vary from $\frac{1}{16}$ to $\frac{8}{16}$ per ounce, depending upon the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice, which should state the method of payment desired.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

September 1, 1932

Mr. H. Fair,
3113 Colonial Avenue,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 26th ultimo, weighing upon receipt here 22.61 troy ounces, I have to advise that after melting and assaying this material, the value contained therein has been found to be considerably below \$100.00 which is the minimum amount accepted for purchase.

The regulations require that deposits falling below \$100.00 in value shall be rejected and such charges as have been incurred up to that time be imposed thereon, which in your case amount to \$1.00, which you are requested to forward by money order at your earliest convenience.

If you desire to reenter this material as a deposit at the Mint, it will be necessary for you to send between \$35 and \$40 in good gold to bring the value of your material up to the required amount, accompanying same with money order for \$1.00 to cover the charges referred to above.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

September 1, 1932

Mr. Elmer Stevenson,
Springfield, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter and bottle of black sand which I regret to say does not appear to contain any values in the precious metals and the Mint is therefore unable to be of any assistance to you in this matter.

If you desire the return of this black sand, please advise me promptly and send me the necessary postage and insurance for that purpose.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

September 1, 1932

Mr. C. Fredenberg,
23 North 5th Avenue,
Maywood, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 15th ultimo,
I returned you on the 18th ultimo by insured parcel post
the grindings forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase,
using 25¢ of the 62 cents in postage enclosed with your
letter for that purpose and returning herewith 37¢ in
stamps to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to
you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

September 2, 1932

Mr. H. C. Alley,
220 West 59th Street,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

Answering your communication of the 30th ultimo, I have to advise that practically all of the new design quarter dollars issued in commemoration of the bi-centennial anniversary of the birth of George Washington were disbursed by this institution on the 25th of July, last, and I am not advised whether the Federal Reserve Bank in Denver could supply you with any of these coins. I would therefore suggest that you write to that bank and request so many as you desire, or that you make application to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., in accordance with instructions contained in the enclosed circular.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

September 2, 1932

Mr. Phil Katz,
Lake Wales, Florida.

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of recent date, you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00, provided, such material contains at least one-fifth of its weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. If this proportion of the precious metals is doubtful, sufficient high grade silver should be included to make sure the deposit will meet this requirement. The Mint does not purchase platinum nor undertake to separate it from the other metals contained in the deposit for return to the depositor.

It is generally necessary to send from 7 to 15 ounces of gold containing 18 karats down to 8 karats to equal \$100.00 in value, and as the charges for separating and refining bullion are based on the amount of base metal contained in the deposit, the greater the proportion of high-grade gold, the less these charges will be. It is not necessary to melt the material before forwarding it to the Mint.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and the treatment charge above referred to, which varies from $\frac{1}{16}$ to $8\frac{1}{2}$ per ounce, depending upon the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OS:T

September 2, 1932

Chicago-Haagatuck Crucible Company,
Shelton, Connecticut.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 29th ultimo in regard to the number of nine-inch stirrers which were in your recent shipment of graphite goods to this institution, I have to advise that another search has been undertaken to ascertain if any stirrers have been overlooked and I am quite positive the original count is correct.

I am enclosing uniform straight bill of lading covering this shipment as requested by you which has been obtained from the Northwestern Terra Cotta Company through whom this consignment was made.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

Enclosure

September 2, 1932

Mr. A. N. White,
2609 Greenwood Avenue,
Shreveport, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of the 31st ultimo, you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots containing a minimum value of \$100.00, provided, such material contains at least one-fifth of its weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. If this proportion of the precious metals is doubtful, sufficient high grade silver should be included to make sure the deposit will meet this requirement. The Mint does not purchase platinum nor undertake to separate it from the other metals contained in deposits for return to the depositor,

It is generally necessary to send from 7 to 15 ounces of gold containing 18 karats down to 8 karats to equal \$100.00 in value, and as the charges for separating and refining bullion are based on the amount of base metal contained in the deposit, the greater the proportion of high-grade gold, the less these charges will be. It is not necessary to melt the material before forwarding it to the Mint.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction, for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and the treatment charge above referred to, which varies from $\frac{1}{16}$ to $\frac{8}{16}$ per ounce, depending upon the amount of base metal contained in the material. Payment is usually made from four to six days after the receipt of the deposit.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully.

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

September 2, 1932

Mr. H. W. Pollman
Telluride, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 31st ultimo, consisting of one king, which you state weighs 5 ounces, you are advised that upon receipt here this king weighs 3.62 troy ounces. As this is a considerable discrepancy from the weight stated by you, please advise me promptly if the weight as received here meets with your approval.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

September 2, 1932

Mr. S. H. Keller,
106 West Broadway
Elk City, Oklahoma,

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of recent date, you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00, provided, such material contains at least one-fifth of its weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. If this proportion of the precious metals is doubtful, sufficient high grade silver should be included to make sure the deposit will meet this requirement. The Mint does not purchase platinum nor undertake to separate it from the other metals contained in the deposit for return to the depositor.

It is generally necessary to send from 7 to 15 ounces of gold containing 18 karats down to 8 karats to equal \$100.00 in value, and as the charges for separating and refining bullion are based on the amount of base metal contained in the deposits, the greater the proportion of high-grade gold, the less these charges will be. It is not necessary to melt the metal before forwarding it to the Mint.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and the treatment charge above referred to, which varies from $\frac{1}{4}\%$ to $\frac{5}{8}\%$ per ounce, depending upon the amount of base metal contained in the material. Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank S. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

September 15, 1932

Mr. Fred Egan,
General Delivery,
Idaho Springs, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 1st instant, I have to advise that placer gold in lots as small as two troy ounces of gold is accepted by the Mint for purchase, provided, it is practically free from black sand and wet mercury. Where gold has been collected with the latter, it should be distilled off before forwarding the gold to the Mint.

Please accompany any consignment you may forward here with a letter of advice, which should state the source from which the gold has been produced.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

WHS

Stamped envelope returned

September 3, 1932

Phelps Dodge Corporation,
Attention: Mr. Ray Brown,
El Paso, Texas.

Gentlemen:

I have your postal card of the 30th ultimo advising that you have shipped 80,009 pounds of cathode copper to this institution in accordance with my recent order and have to request that you will forward me at your earliest convenience an invoice covering this shipment - this invoice to be certified in accordance with instructions contained in the enclosed circular letter - it being necessary to have this invoice when issuing payment for this copper.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

September 3, 1932

Mr. W. R. Murphy,
1844 Chipeta Avenue,
Grand Junction, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request of the 26th ultimo, I have returned to you by insured mail the small amount of gold forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using 16¢ of the 18¢ enclosed with your letter for that purpose and returning herewith 2¢ in stamp to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

September 3, 1932

Mr. Louis Adelshtein,
4236 Agnes,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of recent date, you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots containing a minimum value of \$100.00, provided, such material contains at least one-fifth of its weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. If this proportion of the precious metals is doubtful, sufficient high grade silver should be included to make sure the deposit will meet this requirement. The Mint does not purchase platinum nor undertake to separate it from the other metals contained in the deposit for return to the depositor.

It is generally necessary to send from 7 to 15 ounces of gold containing 18- karats down to 8 karats to equal \$100.00 in value, and as the charges for separating and refining bullion are based on the amount of base metal contained in the deposit, the greater the proportion of high-grade gold, the less these charges will be. It is not necessary to melt the material before forwarding it to the Mint.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction, for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and the treatment charge above referred to, which varies from $\frac{1}{16}$ to $\frac{3}{16}$ per ounce, depending upon the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

September 3, 1932

Mr. J. M. Siegel,
227 West Third Street,
Davenport, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 31st ultimo and am returning herewith 15¢ in stamps as requested by you.

Please return to me by registered mail at your earliest convenience the platinum ring recently forwarded you, using the enclosed stamped envelope for that purpose.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosures

September 3, 1932

Mr. W. W. Clark,
Red Cliff, Colorado. Box 65

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 26th ultimo,
I have returned to you by insured mail the small amount
of gold forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using
13¢ of the 25¢ in postage enclosed with your letter for
that purpose and returning herewith 12¢ in stamps to bal-
ance.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to
you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

September 3, 1932

Mr. Arthur F. Uhlig,
Spencer, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the material forwarded with your letter of the 31st ultimo, having a total weight upon receipt here of 126.33 troy ounces, I have to advise that you should forward not less than 20 ounces of high-grade silver to be added to this material in order that it will contain at least one-fifth of its weight in the precious metals - gold and silver - no deposits being received which contain a base metal content in excess of that amount.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

September 3, 1932

Mr. Jacob Wittels,
Bloomington, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 27th ultimo, which in your letter you state weighs 352½ ounces, I have to advise that upon receipt here your material weighs 276.45 troy ounces - your package being intact when received at this institution.

Kindly advise me if the weight as received here is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:T

September 8, 1932

Mrs. Mary L. Caywood,
Mayer, Arizona.

Dear Madam:

I am in receipt of your letter of August 29th and have to state that your consignment of July 26th, as well as your consignment of July 18th, each weighed upon receipt here 6.05 troy ounces, your attention in each case being called to this fact before these consignments were entered for treatment, and a reply was received from you in each case stating that our weight was satisfactory to you.

For your information, I append the following correspondence that took place in regard to these two consignments.

In re your deposit July 18th

Your letter of advice:

Mayer, Ariz.
July 19

The United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Gentlemen:

I am sending you 6.565 ounces of Big Bag
gold dust & 2 ounces of Lynch Creek gold.

Yours truly,

Mrs. Mary L. Caywood,
Mayer, Ariz.

Mrs. Caywood

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9/3/32

My letter to you July 23 calling attention to discrepancy in weight.

Mint of the United States,
Denver, Colo.
July 25, 1932

Mrs. Mary L. Caywood,
Mayer, Arizona.

Dear Madam:

Your two lots under date of the 18th instant, weigh upon receipt here 6.05 troy ounces and 2.01 troy ounces, instead of 6.565 ounces and 2 ounces as stated by you. While the weight of the second lot practically checks, I have to request that you will advise me if the weight of the larger consignment as found here meets with your approval.

Respectfully

Frank R. Shepard,
Superintendent

Your reply to my letter of July 23rd:

Mayer, Ariz.
July 27

Mint of U. S.
Denver, Colo.

Gentlemen:

I find you are right. I made a mistake
6.00 is right.

Yours truly,

Mary L. Caywood

Mrs Caywood

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In re your deposit of July 26th

Your letter of advice dated July 26th:

Mayer, Ariz.
July 26The U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Gentlemen:

I am sending you 6.655 ounce of gold dust
from Big Bug 118.00.

Yours truly

Mrs. Mary L. Caywood
Mayer, Ariz.

My letter to you calling attention to discrepancy in weight:

Mint of the United States,
Denver, Colorado
July 30, 1932Mrs. Mary L. Caywood,
Mayer, Arizona.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of the 26th instant and accompanying consignment which weighs upon receipt here 6.05 troy ounces instead of 6.655 ounces, and have to request that you will advise me if the former weight is satisfactory to you.

In this connection please be advised that I am holding your previous consignment in which a similar discrepancy occurs and have to request that you will advise me regarding this shipment.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent

Mrs. Caywood

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8/2/32

Your letter of August 2nd in reply to my letter of July 30th:

Mayer, Ariz.
August 2, 1932

Mint of U. S.,
Denver, Colo.

Gentlemen:

The last shipment of gold was \$118.00. It was shipped on July 26th.

You will find that it was the shipment on the 18th that was \$109.00

Yours truly

Mary L. Caywood,
Mayer, Ariz.

My letter of Aug. 4th replying to your letter of Aug. 2nd:

Mint of the United States
Denver, Colorado.
August 4, 1932

Mrs. Mary L. Caywood,
Mayer, Arizona.

Dear Madam:

Referring to my letter to you of the 30th ultimo, to which you replied on August 2nd, you have evidently misunderstood my letter as it was the weight and not that value which I questioned. Your letter of July 26th stated the weight of your deposit to be 6.555 ounces and upon receipt here this bullion weighed 6.05 troy ounces and I desire to know if this weight is satisfactory to you before proceeding to treat this material.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

Caywood

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9/3/32

letter in reply to my letter of August 4th:

Mayer, Ariz.

August 6

The United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Gentlemen:

Yes, your weight will be satisfactory.

Mary L. Caywood,

Mayer, Ariz.

From the foregoing you will note that in each case you approved the weight of your bullion as received at the Mint, and I have to state that this bullion was checked by two employees when received, then after melting and then a third time when the bullion was weighed in the weighing room after melting to the new deposits. It would be almost impossible for all of these employees to make the same mistake. However, to double-check the weight of your bar of July 26th, it still being available, I have had it again weighed and its weight is 8.90 troy ounces as reported to you, showing a loss in melting of 15/100 of a troy ounce - this being the average loss of your deposits in melting.

Respectfully,

W

Intendant

September 6, 1932

Krause Gold Refinery,
Osark Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 1st instant and regret to say that my check No. 19160 in amount of \$1,004.91, which was tendered you in payment of your recent deposit, can not be returned to you owing to the fact that upon its return here with your request to return your bar if a reassay did not change the value of your deposit, which the reassay failed to do, this check was cancelled and the bar entered in our accounts for August as being held for return to the depositor. I am therefore returning your stamps herewith.

Under the circumstances, the only action which may now be taken will be for you to forward me a money order for \$1.00 to defray the melting charges on your deposit as stated in my letter to you of the 30th ultimo and reenter your bar as an entirely new deposit, although I should be glad to accomodate you if it were possible to do so.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepers, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

September 3, 1932

Mr. L. D. Hodge,
Rollinsville,, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering the postscript which you placed on my letter to you of the 24th ultime and which you returned with your recent deposit, I have to advise that in making assays to ascertain the gold and silver value of deposits, no determinations are made regarding the presence of any other metals and I am therefore unable to advise you if your retort contains any values in platinum. The Mint does not purchase platinum nor undertake to separate it from other metals with which it may be forwarded here for return to the depositor.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

September 6, 1932

Mr. E. Y. Billups,
Alamogordo, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request of the 29th ultimo, I have returned to you the amalgam forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using 18¢ of the 21¢ in postage enclosed with your letter for that purpose and returning herewith 3¢ in stamps to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of service to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

September 6, 1932

Mr. A. M. Bennett,
Missouri Academy of Optometry,
Bowling Green, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 3rd instant as
to the dimensions in cubic inches of 100 pounds of silver,
the following information is supplied you:

100 pounds, avoirdupois, of pure silver equal
263.9 plus cubic inches, approximately,

Sphere containing 263.9 cubic inches equals
7-15/16 inches diameter, approximately,

Cube containing 263.9 cubic inches equals
6.4 in. x 6.4 in. x 6.4 in., approximately.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

September 6, 1932

Mr. A. L. Gridley,
Hagerman, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a consignment bearing your name and weighing upon receipt here 2.35 troy ounces, but to date have not received from you a letter of advice pertaining thereto. As such a letter is necessary before consignments may be entered on our books for treatment, I have to request that you will write me promptly concerning this shipment.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

September 6, 1932

Dr. A. L. Kats,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of recent date, you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots containing a minimum value of \$100.00, provided, such material contains at least one-fifth of its weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. If this proportion of the precious metals is doubtful, sufficient high grade silver should be included to make sure the deposit will meet this requirement. The Mint does not purchase platinum nor undertake to separate it from the other metals contained in the deposit for return to the depositor.

It is generally necessary to send from 7 to 16 ounces of gold containing 18 karats down to 8 karats to equal \$100.00 in value, and as the charges for separating and refining bullion are based on the amount of base metal contained in the deposit, the greater the proportion of high grade gold, the less these charges will be. It is not necessary to melt the material before forwarding it to the Mint.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction, for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and the treatment charge above referred to, which varies from $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to $\frac{8}{10}$ ¢ per ounce, depending upon the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

September 6, 1932

Mr. James F. Hamilton,
P.O. Box 393,
Quanah, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of recent date you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots containing a minimum value of \$100.00 provided, such material contains at least one-fifth of its weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. If this proportion of the precious metals is doubtful, sufficient high-grade silver should be included to make sure the deposit will meet this requirement. The Mint does not purchase platinum nor undertake to separate it from the other metals contained in the deposit for return to the depositor.

It is generally necessary to send from 7 to 15 ounces of gold containing 18 karats down to 8 karats to equal \$100.00 in value, and as the charges for separating and refining bullion are based on the amount of base metal contained in the deposit, the greater the proportion of high-grade gold, the less these charges will be. It is not necessary to melt the material before forwarding it to the Mint.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction, for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and the treatment charge above referred to, which varies from $\frac{1}{10}$ to $\frac{3}{10}$ per ounce, depending upon the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

September 6, 1932

Mr. Charles H. Gary,
723 Park Street,
Larned, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of recent date, you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00, provided, such material contains at least one-fifth of its weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. If this proportion of the precious metals is doubtful, sufficient high grade silver should be included to make sure the deposit will meet this requirement. The Mint does not purchase platinum nor undertake to separate it from the other metals contained in the deposit for return to the depositor.

It is generally necessary to send from 7 to 15 ounces of gold containing 18 karats down to 8 karats to equal \$100.00 in value, and as the charges for separating and refining bullion are based on the amount of base metal contained in the deposit, the greater the proportion of high-grade gold, the less these charges will be. It is not necessary to melt the material before forwarding it to the Mint.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction, for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and the treatment charge above referred to, which varies from $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ per ounce, depending upon the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

WHT

September 6, 1932

Miss Ida R. Peterson,
Greentop, Missouri. R.4

Dear Madam:

Answering your letter of the 2nd instant, you are advised that if the two nuggets to which you refer have a weight of at least two full troy ounces, they may be forwarded here for purchase.

Regarding the gold spoon decorated with small nuggets, you are advised that deposits of this character must have a minimum value of \$100.00 and that the Mint can not undertake to remove the gold from any article contained therein and return same to the depositor.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

September 6, 1932

Mr. J. I. Chait,
1303 Douglas Street,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment of Jewelry scrap received at this institution, please be advised that before deposits may be entered on our books for treatment we must have a letter of advice pertaining to same and I therefore have to request that you will write me promptly regarding this consignment.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

September 6, 1932

Mr. F. L. Hubbard,
Baker, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the package of rock forwarded by you to this institution unaccompanied by a letter of advice, you are advised that this material is not acceptable as a deposit at the Mint and that the Mint is not equipped to make assays of mineral bearing specimens.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your material will be returned to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CR:T

September 6, 1932

Mr. C. A. Jensen,
La Salle, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a package of jewelry scrap from you but to date have not received a letter of advice concerning this shipment. Under the regulations each deposit must be accompanied by a letter of advice before being entered for treatment and I therefore have to request that you will write me promptly regarding this consignment.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

GH:T

September 6, 1932

Mr. Wilbern Wells,
Placerville, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of retorts and amalgam grains of gold, weighing upon receipt here 3.74 troy ounces, bearing your name and address on the package but to date have not received from you a letter of advice concerning this consignment. As such letter is necessary before deposits may be entered on our books for treatment, I have to request that you will write me promptly regarding this shipment.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

September 6, 1932

Mr. B. H. Vantuyt,
Naturita, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your recent consignment, unaccompanied by a letter of advice, weighing upon receipt here 1.79 troy ounces, please be advised that two full troy ounces of gold is the very least the Mint can accept for purchase.

If you can send the additional amount of gold necessary to give your material the required weight of two full troy ounces, I shall be glad to have you do so, otherwise, it will be returned you upon the receipt of the necessary postage and insurance. Your prompt attention will oblige

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:f

September 6, 1932

Mr. Peter Shea,
St. Elmo, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a package consisting of three bottles of sand and bearing your name on the wrapper but to date have not received from you a letter of advice concerning same.

Upon examination, I find that your material is not acceptable as a deposit at the Mint and have to request that you will send me the necessary postage and insurance for its return to you.

Our storage space is much limited and I would appreciate your giving this matter your prompt attention.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:T

September 6, 1932

Mr. C. A. Bosler,
Montrose, Colorado.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of a consignment consisting of nuggets and natural grains weighing upon receipt here 3.04 troy ounces, and bearing your name on the wrapper, but to date have not received from you a letter of advice pertaining thereto. As a letter of advice is necessary before deposits may be entered on our books for treatment, I have to request that you will write me promptly regarding this shipment.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

September 6, 1932

Mr. W. B. Gilmore,
Payette, Idaho. 124 North 8th Street.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 29th ultimo,
I have returned to you by insured mail the small amount
of gold forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using
14 $\frac{1}{2}$ g of the 21g enclosed with your letter for that purpose
and returning 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ g in stamps herewith to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of service to you
in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T
Enclosure

September 6, 1932

Mrs. Clair Stewart,
Clenwood Springs, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

Referring to your letter of the 4th instant, you are advised that the Mint does not accept less than two full troy ounces of placer gold, or deposits of gold in the form of manufactured articles in lots having a value under \$100.

Consignments in either case must be accompanied by a letter of advice, and if of placer gold it must be free from all sand and other foreign substances - the letter of advice stating the source from which the gold has been obtained.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

September 6, 1932

Mr. Louis Politzer,
Care, Halff & Sons,
310 South Main Street,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

The letter of Halff & Sons, Tulsa, Oklahoma, under date of the 1st instant, has been received together with your bond of indemnity and affidavit pertaining to lost check, both of which are herewith returned with the request that the upper portion of the bond be executed as indicated.

You will note that your name as principal, with your address, have not been indicated thereon, nor the names and addresses of your surities.

Please also note that the date of the execution of this bond has likewise been omitted. Please have all these omissions taken care of and return the papers to me at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Ol:T

September 6, 1922

Mr. Peter Riley,
Clifton, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 2nd instant in which you state you are forwarding a bottle containing 35.6 ounces of gold, I have to advise that upon receipt here the contents of your bottle weighs 7.34 troy ounces.

You are requested to advise me promptly if the weight as received here is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

September 6, 1922

Mr. Lloyd L. Getrick,
Lowell, Idaho,

Dear Sir:

Your small consignment forwarded with your letter of the 1st instant falls below the minimum amount of such gold accepted for purchase and it will be necessary for you to send from 10/100 to 15/100 troy/ounces more in order that your deposit will have a weight of two full troy ounces. If this is not agreeable to you, kindly forward the necessary postage and insurance for the return of this consignment to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

September 6, 1932

Mr. Lloyd L. Betrick,
Lowell, Idaho,

Dear Sir:

Your small consignment forwarded with your letter of the 1st instant falls below the minimum amount of such gold accepted for purchase and it will be necessary for you to send from 10/100 to 15/100 troy ounces more in order that your deposit will have a weight of two full troy ounces. If this is not agreeable to you, kindly forward the necessary postage and insurance for the return of this consignment to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

September 6, 1932

Mr. William Reber,
102 West Exchange,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your note of the 2nd instant, forwarding some melted silver coins and silver scrap jewelry, I regret to advise you that these can not be combined into one deposit as the value of the mass would not approximate \$100.00 which is the least amount accepted for purchase in the form of manufactured articles, although your coins could be purchased if they could be readily identified as coin.

Under the circumstances, I would suggest that this shipment be held until you can add enough gold thereto to give the lot a value of \$100. When making your shipment of gold to be added to this lot, please refer to this material which is being held and request that the two lots be treated together.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

September 6, 1932

North Side State Bank,
Rock Springs, Wyoming.

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of the 4th instant relative to the deposit of Mr. Leonardi, your collection No. 2561, consisting of one ounce of placer gold, I have to advise that when the minimum value of deposits was reduced from \$100.00 to two troy ounces, it was done only in the case of placer gold and it would not be permissible to accept a deposit of one ounce of placer gold and a twenty-dollar gold piece. I would therefore suggest that you forward the necessary postage and insurance for the return of this gold to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

September 6, 1932

Mission Jewelry & Loan Company, Inc.,
319 Polk Street, Amarillo, Texas.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your consignment under date of the 26th ultimo, I have to advise that a preliminary assay of your material indicates that it contains over 800 assay parts of base metal and therefore is not acceptable as a deposit at the Mint, as deposits must have at least 200 assay parts of the precious metals out of a possible 1000 in order to be acceptable for purchase.

I would suggest that you send about 15 ounces of high-grade silver to be added to this lot in order to reduce the proportion of base metal contained in this material.

Please advise me promptly of your wishes in this matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:T

September 6, 1932

Mr. Matt Ingels,
Orr, Minnesota. Box 214

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of recent date and am returning herewith your money order for \$4.00, No. 43566, together with the metal enclosed with your letter of August 16th.

You will note that the metal has been cut into small pieces preparatory to cupelling same in order to make an assay as requested in your letter of the 16th ultimo, and which was not completed as it appeared an assay would be a useless expense to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CE:T

Enclosure

September 6, 1932

Mr. H. C. Mills,
Colby, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Your letter and package of mineral addressed to the United States Assay Office, 19th & Stout Streets, Denver, has been referred by the postmaster to this Mint, and I have to advise that the Mint does not make assays of mineral bearing specimens. Reliable work of this kind, however, can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at the following charges for each sample;

Gold	-	\$1.00	Copper	-	\$2.00
Silver	-	1.00	Zinc	-	2.00
Lead	-	1.50			

money order for the proper amount to accompany your samples.

If you desire the return of the sample you have forwarded here, kindly send me the necessary postage and insurance for that purpose. I am returning your check for \$3.50 herewith.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

September 6, 1922

Mr. A. R. Payson,
Naturita, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Your small consignment forwarded with your letter of the 2nd instant, weighing upon receipt here 1.77 troy ounces, falls below the minimum amount of such gold accepted for purchase and it will be necessary for you to send enough more of gold to give your deposit a weight of at least two full troy ounces of gold. If this is not agreeable to you, kindly forward the necessary postage and insurance for the return of your gold to you.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

September 6, 1932

Mr. H. Chivler,
323½ North Main Street,
Eldorado, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 1st instant, please be advised that this institution will accept placer gold in lots of two troy ounces and over when accompanied by a letter of advice stating the source from which the gold has been produced.

It is not necessary to furnish proof of ownership and the gold will be accepted in its free state, free from black sand or other foreign substances.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

September 6, 1932

Mrs. Juanita Martinez,
P. O. Box 433,
Monte Vista, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 24th ultimo, please be advised that an examination of this material indicates that it is not suitable as a deposit at Mint, it consisting principally of black sand and iron sulphide, although a small amount of gold may be contained therein.

Kindly send me the necessary postage and insurance for the return of this material to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OR:T

September 6, 1932

Mr. E. L. Peterson,
1906 Indiana Avenue,
Peoria, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 1st instant, you are advised that the one-cent bronze pieces, the five-cent nickel, 10¢, 25¢, 50¢ and standard silver dollar were first made at this institution in the following years, respectively,

1911 - 1912 - 1906 - 1906 - 1906 - 1921.

The following table answers your question No. 2.

1¢	- No coinage	in 1921, 1923,
5¢	- No coinage	in 1921-22-23-30-31
10¢	- No coinage	in 1913-15-22-23-30
25¢	- No coinage	in 1912-21-22-23-26-30-31
50¢	- No coinage	in 1908-10-14-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-30-31
\$1.00	- No coinage	1906 to 1920, inc., 1924, 25, 28 to 1931, inc.

Answering your question No. 3, you are advised that every coin leaving the Denver Mint bears its Mint mark, "D".

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Stamped envelope returned

September 4, 1912

Miss Winifred Meller,
Murray, Idaho.

Dear Madam:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 26th ultimo, I have to advise that your 5 buttons, weighing upon receipt here 2 troy ounces, have been entered for treatment, but the 3 bars, weighing 71.93 troy ounces can not be accepted as they contain entirely too much base metal, the Mint not accepting any deposits which do not contain at least 200 assay parts out of a possible 1000 in the precious metals.

Kindly advise me what disposition you desire made of these three bars.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

September 6, 1932

Mr. Clarence C. Boone,
1411 West 3rd Street,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 31st ultimo, I have to state that gold is being panned in a great number of the various streams of this state, but I am not in a position to advise you as to the one which produces the best results, and there are no restrictions, so far as I am aware, as to persons panning gold except where the streams pass through privately owned property.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Stamp returned

September 6, 1932

Sister M. Triphonia,
St. Louis School,
Mardock, Kansas.

Dear Sister:

Replying to your letter of recent date, I regret to say that the Mint can not buy the medal to which you refer as gold in the form of manufactured articles may not be accepted in lots having a value under \$100.

Your postal card is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

September 6, 1932

Mr. James Floyd Smith,
U.S.S. Maryland, C. S. Division,
C/o Postmaster, San Pedro, California.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 3rd instant and have to advise that the Mint does not have for distribution any literature pertaining to mining. If any such publications are issued by the Government, it would probably be by the United States Bureau of Mines, Denver, Colorado.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Stamp returned

September 6, 1932

The Telluride Mining & Milling Company,
Telluride, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of the 3rd instant, I have to advise that a copy of the memorandum of returns on deposits from the Telluride mining district could only be furnished you upon written consent of the depositories - this being the information I assume you desire to obtain.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

September 6, 1932

Mrs. Lydia Deibert Klaabj,
918 East Culver Street,
Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of the 3rd instant and have to advise that gold in the form of manufactured articles is not accepted in lots having a value under \$100.00, under which conditions the Mint can not purchase the various articles mentioned by you.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance, your consignment will be returned to you.

Respectfully,

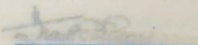
Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

GH:T

DENVER, SEPTEMBER 7, 1932

A F GIBSON
BEAUMONT TEXAS

YOUR DEPOSIT RECEIVED THIRTIETH ULTIMO. HAVING CONSIDERABLE
DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING CONCORDANT ASSAYS. PAYMENT WILL BE MADE
SOON AS POSSIBLE.



Superintendent Mint

Collect charges at Beaumont

DENVER SEPTEMBER 7, 1932

C. E. GISH
CUSTER SOUTH DAKOTA

PAYMENT YOUR TWO SHIPMENTS AUGUST THIRTY FIRST WILL BE
MAILED TODAY.

Superintendent

Collect charges at Custer

September 7, 1932

Mr. S. Alsoson,
1003 Metropolitan Building,
33 John E Street,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 1st instant and in
reply am enclosing a letter from the Assayer of this insti-
tution supplying the information requested by you.

Please also find enclosed the memorandum report
on bullion deposited at the United States Mint at Phila-
delphia, No. 1789.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosures

September 7, 1932

Hon. Frank E. Shepard
Superintendent, U. S. Mint
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Referring to Mr. S. Alzofone letter of September 1, 1932, in which he requests further information, I beg to answer same as follows: One base only is necessary, so the ratio of that base to the gold is 3 to 1 or more.

Copper can be that base alone, but silver is preferable in obtaining the result sought, namely 24 K fine gold.

In melting his dried silver chloride, the same should be thoroughly mixed with about four times its weight of Sodium Carbonate (soda ash). The addition of a small amount of pulverized charcoal to the mixture will aid in the reduction of the silver chloride.

The whole mass is brought to a bright red heat and kept so until all action has ceased and complete fusion has taken place.

A small amount of silver may be retained in the slag, this can be recovered by grinding the slag, adding more soda ash and melting again.

Shipment #1097 of August 22, 1932, has been checked and found correct.

Respectfully,

Robert A. Millstrom
C. C. Millstrom, Assayer.

September 7, 1932

Mr. John Reisdorff,
Shelby, Nebraska. R.P.D. 1

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of recent date, you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00, provided, such material contains at least one-tenth of its weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. If the proportion of the precious metals is doubtful, sufficient high-grade silver should be included to make sure the deposit will meet this requirement. The Mint does not purchase platinum nor undertake to separate it from the other metals contained in the deposit for return to the depositor.

It is generally necessary to send from 7 to 15 ounces of gold containing 18 karats down to 8 karats to equal \$100.00 in value, and as the charges for separating and refining balances are based on the amount of base metal contained in the deposit, the greater the proportion of high-grade gold, the less these charges will be. It is not necessary to melt the material into a bar before forwarding it to the Mint.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and the treatment charge above referred to, which varies from $\frac{1}{16}$ to $\frac{1}{8}$ per ounce, depending upon the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

September 7, 1932

Mr. Barton Oliphant,
430 East 12th Street,
Hutchinson, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of the 5th instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100., provided, such material contains at least one-fifth of its weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. If this proportion of the precious metals is doubtful, sufficient high grade silver should be included to make sure the deposit will meet this requirement. The Mint does not purchase platinum nor undertake to separate it from the other metals contained in deposits for return to the depositor.

It generally requires from 7 to 15 ounces of gold containing 16 karats down to 8 karats to equal \$100.00 in value, and as the charges for separating and refining bullion are based on the amount of base metal contained in deposits, the greater the proportion of high-grade gold, the less these charges will be. It is not necessary to melt the material in to a bar before forwarding it to the Mint.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction, for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and the treatment charge above referred to, which varies from $\frac{1}{10}$ to $\frac{5}{10}$ per ounce, depending upon the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

September 7, 1932

Mr. Paul Brooks,
Mike Club,
San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of recent date, you are advised that when deposits have the required value of \$100.00, that value may consist of both gold and silver - the Mint not purchasing deposits containing silver alone.

Owing to the large amount of base metal contained in plated ware, it is necessary that deposits of this character have a value of \$100.00 in gold and be accompanied by enough high-grade silver to give the mass a pure gold and silver content of at least one-fifth of its weight, this requirement being necessary in all deposits of whatever character.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

September 7, 1932

Mr. Charles F. Germaine,
General Delivery,
Hutchison, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 5th instant, you are advised that deposits may be paid for by check on the Treasurer of the United States or by cash - currency or coin - and if by cash, the depositor should state whether he desires the cash forwarded by registered mail or by express, the depositor, of course, paying these charges. In no case may payment be forwarded by wire.

The Mint cannot pay for any platinum contained in deposits, nor undertake to separate that metal when contained in deposits for return to the depositor. Therefore, any deposits which are accepted for purchase that may contain platinum, the value in that metal must be waived by the depositor.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

September 7, 1932

Mr. John Holbrook,
Optima, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 5th instant, you are advised that the Mint is not equipped to make assays of mineral bearing specimens but reliable work of this kind can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at the following charges for each sample:

Gold	-	\$1.00	Copper	-	\$2.00
Silver	-	1.00	Flux	-	2.00
Lead	-	1.50			

Money order for the proper amount payable to that office must accompany your samples.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:F

September 7, 1904

Mr. Seymour Ginsburgh,
1227 "D" Street,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 6th instant, you are advised that when old gold is forwarded to the Mint it is not necessary to divide the various articles as to karats as the Mint melts all such material into one bar and pays for same on an assay of that bar. You should state, however, the approximate weight of your material in order that the Mint may know that it has received the material which you have forwarded here.

In your letter of advice please state to whom the check in payment shall be drawn and the address to which you desire the check forwarded.

In this connection, I also have to state that such deposits must have a minimum value of \$100.00 and contain at least one-fifth of their weight in pure gold and silver.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CHS

September 7, 1932

First National Bank,
Carbondale, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 3rd instant, I have to advise that your gold scrap consisting of gold teeth weighs upon receipt here 21/100 of a troy ounce and this can not be accepted for purchase by the Mint as all deposits of scrap gold must have a minimum value of \$100.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your gold will be returned you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

September 7, 1932

Mr. George E. Erwin,
5638 Kennesly Avenue,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your shipment under date of the 3rd instant, your No. 25, which you state weighs approximately 29 ounces, please be advised that upon receipt here your material weighs 23.85 troy ounces, and before proceeding to treat this shipment, I have to request that you will advise me if the weight as received here is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

WET

September 7, 1932

Chicago-Kaustuck Crucible Company,
Shelton, Connecticut.

Gentlemen:

In further reference to your letter of the 29th ultimo regarding the 3-inch graphite stirrers forwarded by you to this institution, please be advised that the missing stirrers have now been found and your invoice corrected to include payment therefor - or a total of 106 stirrers at 25¢ each.

Regretting any inconvenience this inadvertence may have caused you, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

September 7, 1932

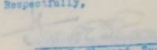
Mr. Samuel Gordon,
209 Majestic Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of the 2nd instant advising that you were forwarding under separate cover a package of old gold that was sent without your stamp on it, I have to advise that a package was received from you on the 3rd instant, having a weight of 32.79 troy ounces, for which a letter of advice dated August 31st was received.

If your letter of the 2nd instant has reference to an additional shipment, I have to advise that it has not been received to date.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

GHT

September 7, 1932

Mr. David Siegel,
114 East Third Street,
Davenport, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the last instant for which I thank you, I am now enclosing the platinum ring forwarded with your recent consignment and for which no allowance could be made by the Mint.

Your deposit was received at the same time as one from your brother, Mr. J. H. Siegel, and through some inadvertence this ring thought to be a part of his deposit, and I regret any inconvenience which has been caused you in consequence therewith.

Kindly acknowledge the receipt of this ring and oblige

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

September 7, 1932

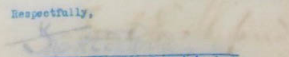
Mr. J. M. Siegel,
227 West Third Street,
Davenport, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt this day of the platinum ring which was recently forwarded to you and which subsequent events proved to belong to your brother, Mr. David Siegel.

I thank you for returning this ring to me and enclosing the \$4 in postage which you attached to the envelope when registering this ring.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

DENVER SEPTEMBER 8, 1932

JACOB WITTELS
2001 Market Street
ST. LOUIS MISSOURI

DEPOSIT BEING HELD WITHOUT TREATMENT FURNISHING RECEIPT OF
ADVICE THAT WEIGHT RECEIVED HERE WHICH IS SEVENTY SEVEN TROY OUNCES LESS
THAN YOU INVOICE IS SATISFACTORY TO YOU. LETTER MAILED YOU THIRD
INSTANT BLOOMINGTON.

Frank E. Shepley
Superintendent Mint

Collect Charges at St. Louis

September 8, 1933

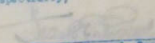
Mrs. Lydia Diebert Klaaby,
918 East Culver Street,
Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Madam:

Referring to my letter to you of the 6th instant, you are advised that your consignment under date of the 3rd instant arrived on the morning of the 7th instant, and I have to advise that the gold magnet stick pin was not found with the other articles - the paper box containing your old jewelry having been broken to pieces in transit and the large envelope enclosing the box torn at the end, the pin evidently being lost in the mails.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance the other articles will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

September 8, 1938

H. Evans Pawn Shop,
115 North Boston Street,
Covington, Texas.

Gentlemen:

In reference to your consignment under date of the 1st instant, weighing upon receipt here 61.46 troy ounces, you are advised that after melting this material, which reduced its weight to 59.18, and after assaying same, the base metal contained therein has been found to be considerably in excess of the maximum which deposits may contain in order to be acceptable for purchase, and your bar has accordingly been rejected and our melting charge amounting to \$1.00 imposed thereon which you are requested to forward by money order at your earliest convenience.

If you desire to reseter this bar as a deposit at the Mint, please forward not less than 15 ounces of high-grade silver to be melted with this material in order that the base metal content may be reduced within the limit that deposits may contain, but before this bar can be redeposited, the foregoing charges must be paid.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CE:T

September 8, 1922

El Paso National Bank,
El Paso, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment No. 255 under date of the 3rd instant which you state has a weight about 125 ounces, I have to advise that upon receipt here your consignment weighs 121.75 troy ounces and owing to the amount of this discrepancy, I have to request that you will advise me if the weight of your material as received at the Mint meets with your approval - your material in the meantime being held without treatment.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

GR:T

September 5, 1922

Mr. V. C. Gassaway,
C/o T. H. C. A.
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

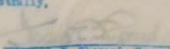
Answering your inquiry of recent date, you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00, provided, such material contains at least one-fifth of its weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. If this proportion of the precious metals is doubtful, sufficient high grade silver should be included to make sure the deposit will meet this requirement. The Mint does not purchase platinum nor undertake to separate it from the other metals contained in deposits for return to the depositor.

It is generally necessary to send from 7 to 15 ounces of gold containing 18 karats down to 8 karats to equal \$100.00 in value, and as the charges for separating and refining bullion are based on the amount of base metal contained in the deposit, the greater the proportion of high-grade gold, the less these charges will be. It is not necessary to melt the material into a bar before forwarding it to the Mint.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction, for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and the treatment charge above referred to, which varies from $\frac{1}{16}$ to $\frac{3}{16}$ per ounce, depending upon the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CR:7

September 8, 1933

Dr. F. H. Waters,
Room 16, Ames National Bank Building,
Ames, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

I have your consignment under date of the 1st instant, weighing upon receipt here 6.94 troy ounces, and have to advise that such material is not purchased in lots having a value under \$100.00 and that all old teeth and waste should be removed before forwarding such consignments to the Mint.

It will be necessary for you to send enough high grade gold to give your consignment the above value which it does not appear that it now contains, accompanying same with a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:T

September 8, 1932

Mrs. B. J. Cathris,
P.O. Box 1803,
Pampa, Texas.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of the 5th instant and accompanying sample of ore and have to advise that while the Mint does not make assays of such material, your sample appears to be pyrites of iron which has no commercial value.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your sample will be returned you. Please forward this postage at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:7

September 1, 1922

Mr. Thomas M. Stewart,
 Director, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Box 7-RR #1

Enclosed you will find a check for \$100.00, which
 is advised that will be paid to you. If you are unable to
 get payment in time, please let me know. I will then
 be glad to advise you what your next step should be.
 With my best wishes, I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 yours very truly,
 J. M. Stewart

I will suggest that you refer to
 these blanks in the future. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 in your vicinity.

Very truly,
 J. M. Stewart

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September 8, 1922

Mrs. Florence M. Truett,
Hiverton, Iowa.

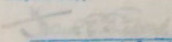
Dear Madam:

Box #1 RR #1

Answering your letter of the 4th instant, please be advised that gold in the form of manufactured articles is not purchased in lots having a value under \$100.00 and I would be unable to advise you what your bracelets would be worth as their value to the Mint would consist entirely in the pure gold which they contain and this could be determined only by melting and assaying them.

I would suggest that you endeavor to dispose of these bracelets to one of the large manufacturing jewelers in your vicinity.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CE:T

September 8, 1932

Mr. Albert H. Hill,
Kane, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your two small consignments to this institution, the last received consisting of amalgam, please be advised that the latter is not acceptable for purchase by the Mint and I would suggest that you forward us 10¢ in postage for the return of these two lots to you - the parcel post amounting to 8¢ and the insurance 10¢. If these lots were returned to you by express, it would probably cost considerably more.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

September 8, 1932

Mr. E. J. Goday,
Texas Creek, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 8th instant and in reply have to advise that it will be necessary for you to state more specifically what information you desire regarding placer operations on the Arkansas River.

Deposits are entered in the name of the depositor and credited to the state and county in which produced, under which conditions I would have no information as to what consignments were obtained on the river banks.

In this connection, please be advised that it is not permissible to supply information regarding individual deposits unless the written consent of the depositor is first obtained and placed on file at the Mint.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

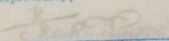
September 9, 1932

Dr. L. K. Painter,
Lamar National Bank Building,
Lamar, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 6th instant forwarding a parcel of scrap gold for purchase, I have to advise that scrap gold of this character is not accepted by the Mint in lots having a value under \$100. As your consignment weighs 1.96 troy ounces it would not, of course, approximate that value and it will be returned to you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:T

September 9, 1932

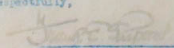
Mr. J. E. Williams,
C/o B.M.S., Ward 1,
Hot Springs, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

Your small consignment weighing upon receipt here 43/100 of a troy ounce can not be purchased by the Mint as gold in the form of manufactured articles is not accepted in lots having a value under \$100.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your gold will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

September 9, 1932

Mr. Leslie A. Lamberson,
Lander, Wyoming. Box 466

Dear Sir:

With reference to your consignment under date of the 6th instant, consisting of nuggets and natural grains, having a weight of 1.64 troy ounces, please be advised that mined gold in order to be acceptable for purchase must have a full weight of at least 2 troy ounces - the regulations not permitting the acceptance of smaller amounts.

If you can send enough gold to give your consignment the full weight, I should be glad to have you do so, otherwise kindly send the necessary postage and insurance for the return of your material to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:T

September 9, 1932

Mr. J. A. Manning,
Moose, Wyoming.

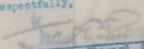
Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 3rd instant, you are advised that the Mint does not make assays of ores of any kind but a test of your material indicates that it contains only a trace of gold.

If you desire a full assay made of this material, I would suggest that you send a sample to the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, where an assay for gold and silver will be made for you at \$1.00 each - money order for the proper amount to accompany your samples.

If you desire the return of the sample you have forwarded here, kindly send me the necessary postage and insurance for that purpose.

Respectfully,


Frank N. Shepard, Superintendent

OR:T

September 9, 1932

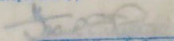
Diamond Shop,
138 Main Street,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of recent date in reference to your deposit forwarded here on the 29th ultimo and have to advise that check in payment, in amount \$122.73, was forwarded you by mail on the 7th instant which I presume you have now received.

Owing to the large number of deposits being received, it has not been possible to treat deposits and issue payment as early as heretofore, although every effort is made to expedite payments as much as it is possible to do so.

Respectfully,


Frank H. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

September 9, 1932

Mr. J. R. Bailey,
Craig, Colorado.

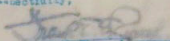
Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter and consignment under date of the 6th instant, the latter weighing upon receipt here 57/100 of a troy ounce, I regret exceedingly that the Mint will not be able to purchase this small amount of gold as the regulations prohibit the purchase of such deposits having a weight under two full troy ounces of gold.

Under the circumstances, there is nothing I can do to assist you in this matter but to return your gold to you which will be done upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Perhaps your local bank, or one of the manufacturing jewelers or assayors in your town could purchase this gold from you.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CR:T

September 10, 1922

Mission Jewelry & Loan Company, Inc.,
219 Polk Street, Amarillo, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 8th instant in reference to your consignment under date of the 26th ultimo, I have to advise that 19 pennyweights of gold would not suffice to render your deposit acceptable for purchase and you are requested to forward me a money order for \$1.00 to cover the melting charges on your consignment, when it together with the 19 pennyweights of gold which you are now forwarding will be returned you, the latter not yet having been received.

Should you desire to reenter this material as a deposit at the Mint, this can only be done upon the addition thereto of at least 15 ounces of high-grade silver to reduce the high base metal content of your bar. In any event, the above charges will have to be paid before any action may be taken.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

GE:T

September 10, 1832

Mr. W. K. Coup,
5579 St. Louis Avenue,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of the 7th instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00, provided, such material contains at least one-fifth of its weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. If this proportion of the precious metals is doubtful, sufficient high grade silver should be included to make sure the deposit will meet this requirement. The Mint does not purchase platinum nor undertake to separate it from the other metals contained in the deposit for return to the depositor.

It is generally necessary to send from 7 to 15 ounces of gold containing 18 karats down to 8 karats to equal \$100.00 in value, and as the charges for separating and refining bullion are based on the amount of base metals contained in the deposit, the greater the proportion of high-grade gold, the less these charges will be. It is not necessary to melt the material before forwarding it to the Mint, but each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and the treatment charge above referred to, which varies from $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ per ounce, depending on the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Referring to your request to be advised as to the standing of the National Refiners, Washington, D.C., I have to state that the Mint does not express an opinion regarding the standing of any outside dealers.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Stamped envelope returned.

September 10, 1932

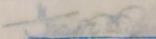
Mr. C. E. Bellman,
York, North Dakota,

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 30th ultimo, received here on the 9th instant, in which you state you are forwarding money order for \$2.00 to cover assays on your samples, Nos. 1 and 2, you are advised that the money order was not found enclosed with your letter, nor could the Mint make assays of your samples as it is not equipped to do that kind of work.

Your samples have not yet been received and if you desire them returned to you upon receipt here, kindly forward me promptly the necessary postage and insurance for that purpose, otherwise they will be thrown away as our vault space is very limited.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

September 10, 1932

Central Dental Laboratory Company,
218 South Wabash Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

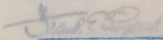
Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 2nd instant advising that you are sending 280 Dwt. of gold and grindings, and under separate cover we have received a package bearing the name "Miller & Glick, Lock Box 810, Chicago", the contents of which weigh 13.93 troy ounces.

Although I notice that your letterhead bears the names of "B. E. Miller" and "J. E. Glick" in the upper left and right-hand corners, respectively, I have to request that you will advise me if this consignment is the material to which your letter pertains as you will realize that it is necessary for the Mint to know precisely to whom the consignment received should be credited.

In future, I would suggest that when you use a different label from the same in which you ship your gold, you enclose therewith some memorandum to connect the two beyond any doubt.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

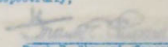
September 10, 1932

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Enclosed please find your non-reimbursable
voucher in amount \$207.80 covering your recent ship-
ment of anode bags, aprons and sleeves to this institu-
tion.

Respectfully,



Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CR:T
Enclosure

September 10, 1932

First National Bank,
Butte, Montana.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 5th instant, your No. 72516, which you state weighs approximately 20 to 25 ounces, please be advised that upon receipt here this retort weighs 19.01 troy ounces. Kindly advise me if this weight is satisfactory to you before I proceed to treat this material.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

September 12, 1932

Mr. J. E. S. Smith,
Room 5, Court House,
Montrose, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 12th instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase placer gold when sent in lots having a weight of 2 full troy ounces of gold or over and when free from sand or other foreign substances.

Kindly accompany any consignments with a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

September 12 1932

Garris Jewelry Company,
1116 - 20th Street,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Gentlemen:

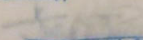
Answering your letter of the 7th instant, I have to advise that the melting loss on your recent deposit is entirely normal for material containing the gold fineness of your deposit, namely, 551 assay parts out of a possible 1000.

If you will multiply the after-melting weight of your material by .551 you will obtain the number of fine ounces of gold contained in your deposit, and by multiplying the number of fine ounces by \$20.67 you will arrive at the value of your gold .

Your deposit contained considerable copper and dirt as is usual in deposits of industrial scrap and the melting process eliminates a considerable portion of this base.

I am returning the report on your deposit which was enclosed with your letter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CR:T
Enclosure

September 12, 1932

Kaiser' Market,
Breckenridge, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your recent advice stating you are shipping to the Mint about 13 ounces of gold, you are advised upon receipt here your retorts and amalgam grains have a weight of 9.30 troy ounces.

Please advise me promptly if the weight as found here is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

September 12, 1932

The Postmaster,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

On August 27th I forwarded to David Edmunds, C/o
L. V. Peterson, Hansen, Idaho, a small package by insured
mail, No. 56364, paying thereon $4\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ in postage and 10¢ in-
surance fee. I am advised by Mr. Edmunds that this pack-
age has not yet been received by him and I therefore have to
request that you will kindly institute a search for this
package.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

September 12, 1932

Mr. Fay W. Sheesley, Postmaster,
Hansen, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 10th instant advising me that Mr. Edmunds has requested you to write me in regard to his package of gold which was returned to him by this institution on August 27th, and have to advise that this package was forwarded by insured parcel post, receipt No. 55364, and I am enclosing copy of letter this day sent to the Postmaster at Denver, requesting his assistance in locating this package, which I trust will be found without much delay.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

September 12, 1932

A. S. Aloe Company,
1819 Olive Street,
Saint Louis, Missouri.

Attention: Mr. Sam S. Novack

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 8th instant, I regret that I am unable to comply with your request for 5000 new pennies of recent coinage and owing to the fact that all coin is distributed through the Federal Reserve Bank or its branches, it will be necessary for you to obtain the coins mentioned through that medium.

This Mint has manufactured one-cent bronze pieces during all of the recent years.

Respectfully,

Frank H. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Stamped envelope returned

September 12, 1932

First National Bank,
Montrose, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of the 9th instant, I have to advise that check, in amount \$224.56, was mailed on the 8th instant in payment of two gold retorts from the Union Placer, lot No. 737, Telluride Mining District, and have no doubt you are now in receipt of this check.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

September 12, 1932

Maisel's Indian Trading Post,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 10th instant, I regret to say that the Mint can not purchase the \$60 worth of old gold mentioned by you - the minimum value of such deposits being \$100.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

September 12, 1932

Levy's Incorporated,
304 Main Street,
Seminole, Oklahoma.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of recent date, you are advised that check in payment of your deposit of September 1st is being mailed you this date.

Owing to the very large number of deposits being received, which greatly exceeds the number previously received at the Mint at any time, it has not been possible to treat and pay for deposits within the period which has heretofore been possible.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

September 12, 1932

Mrs. Mary L. Caywood,
Mayer, Arizona.

Dear Madam:

Answering your letter of the 7th instant, I have to advise that the wrapping paper containing your shipment of July 26th has now been destroyed as such papers accumulate very fast and it is not possible to hold them for any length of time.

I have no doubt you could obtain suitable bags for your shipments of gold from any of the following dealers -

Schaefer Tent & Awning Company,
Colorado Tent & Awning Company,
Brooks Tent & Awning Company,
Denver Tent & Awning Company.

all of this city - the Mint not handling such articles.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

September 12, 1932

Dr. Horton E. Wheeler,
705 Mayo Building,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 9th instant, I have to state that if your gold has a minimum value of \$100.00, it may be forwarded here for purchase - payment to be made by check or in gold coin. If, however, you desire a fine gold bar in payment, please be advised that it is not possible to refine your gold and return you a bar of coin fineness made from your identical gold, but returns could be made you in a bar of the approximate fineness of 998 as may be available when your bar is received.

As no gold bars are issued having a weight under five troy ounces, and it is impossible to cut bars to exact weight, and all bars issued have a weight slightly in excess of five ounces. The smallest bar now on hand has a weight of 5.65 troy ounces.

When payments due are in excess of the value of the bar issued, the difference is paid in coin or by check as preferred by the depositor.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:T

September 12, 1932

Mrs. R. A. VanEvers,
411 North Kensington,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Answering your letter of recent date, you are advised that one-cent bronze pieces were coined at this institution during 1931 and the current calendar year, application for which should be made to the Treasurer of the United States as per the enclosed circular.

Upon receipt of authority from the Treasurer, I shall take pleasure in sending you the desired coins.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Stamp returned

September 12, 1932

Mr. W. H. Ets,
908 East Brill,
Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of the 6th instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase placer gold in lots of two troy ounces or over when free from black sand or other foreign substances, but gold in the form of manufactured articles ~~is~~ not accepted in lots having a value under \$100.00 and when the precious metal content of such material is not equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

I would suggest that you forwarded your gold by insured parcel post, registered mail or by express, insuring same for its gold value.

Owing to the large number of deposits now being received at the Mint, it is not possible to make payment until six to 10 days after the receipt of the deposit, although every effort is made to expedite payment as much as possible.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

September 13, 1932

Mr. J. H. Darkee,
Twin Falls, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment recently received at this institution, please be advised that to date no letter of advice has been received pertaining to this deposit. As a letter of advice is necessary before deposits may entered on our books for treatment and purchase, I have to request that you write me promptly concerning this shipment.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

September 13, 1932

Mr. Tom W. Anderson,
P. O. Box 22,
Tyroce, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your notation on my letter to you of August 31st, I have returned to you by insured mail the material forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using 15¢ of the one dollar in currency enclosed with your letter for that purpose and returning 85¢ in silver herewith to balance.

Referring to your question as to the extraction of radium, please be advised that the Mint is not equipped to do work of this kind for depositors.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

September 13, 1932

Mr. E. L. Layne,
Superintendent, Fire & Police Telephones,
Department of Safety, City Hall,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 9th instant stating the cost of making the necessary changes in the police box located in the Mint Building, but in view of the fact that before this expenditure may be made, previous authority will have to be obtained from the Director of the Mint in Washington, D.C., I have to request that you will kindly send me a full statement setting forth why these changes are contemplated and the necessity for the purchase of the articles enumerated in your letter in order that I may submit it to him for his information and as a basis for my recommendation in the premises, the prior approval of the Director of the Mint being necessary before I may make an expenditure of this nature.

Your early compliance with this request will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

September 12, 1932

Chicago-Haughton Crucible Company,
Shelton, Connecticut.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your letter of the 6th instant, I have to advise that in view of the fact that your consignments were forwarded to the Mint through the Northwestern Terra Cotta Company and delivered by it to the Mint, no bills of lading covering said shipments were received by me. I have telephoned to the Northwestern Terra Cotta Company for the bill of lading on which the shipment was made from the Shelton Division and am advised that the bill of lading forwarded you, which appears to cover only the shipment from the Chicago Division, is the only bill of lading that the company had on hand.

I am enclosing report of inspection by the Western Weighing & Inspection Bureau relative to the two broken #100 crucible covers, which were broken in transit.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

September 13, 1932

Princeton Gold Mining Company,
Butte, Montana.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 5th instant and beg to call your attention to the fact that your bar shipped under date of the 8th instant weighs upon receipt here 16.36 troy ounces instead of approximately 18 ounces as stated by you. I am therefore holding your bar without treatment and have to request that you will advise me promptly if the weight as received here is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

September 12, 1932

Mr. Hugh Walter,
General Delivery,
Wendover, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

The black sand forwarded by you under date of the 9th instant, having a weight upon receipt here of 1/100 of a troy ounce, is entirely too small to accept for purchase by the Mint - two full troy ounces of placer gold being the minimum received.

If you desire this material returned to you, kindly forward the necessary postage and insurance at your earliest convenience as our storage space is very limited.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superior

CH:T

September 13, 1932

Messrs. Hale & Riggle,
P.O. Box 332,
Breckenridge, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Your consignment of the 9th instant weighs upon receipt here 4.02 troy ounces instead of $4\frac{1}{2}$ ounces as stated by you and before proceeding to treat this material, I have to request that you will advise me if the weight as received here is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

GH:T

September 13, 1932

Mr. C. S. Wahlstedt,
Anaconda, Montana.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your small consignment, weighing upon receipt here one troy ounce, and have to advise that the weight of this material is considerably less than the minimum accept for purchase by the Mint - no deposits being accepted having a weight under two full troy ounces of gold.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your retort and grains will be returned you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

September 13, 1932

North Side State Bank,
Rock Springs, Wyoming.

Gentlemen:

As requested in your letter of the 8th instant,
I have to advise that your small consignment to this institution is being returned to you this date by insured registered mail - 70¢ in stamps being returned you with your small amount of gold.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

September 13, 1932

Mr. John Montonati,
Ophir, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 8th instant, I have to advise that the Mint will purchase placer or mined gold in lots having a weight of two full troy ounces or over when practically free from sand and other foreign substances.

Kindly accompany your shipments with a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

September 12, 1932

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

I have this day to acknowledge the receipt
of the following dies via Railway Express Agency, Inc.,
on government bill of lading No. T 155727:

5 - Obverse one-cent dies Nos. 56 - 60
5 - Reverse one-cent dies Nos. 54 - 58

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

September 13, 1932

Mr. Mike Color,
Marysville, Montana.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your retort recently received by this Mint, please be advised that to date no letter of advise has been received here covering this consignment. No deposits are entered on our books for treatment until such a letter has been received and I therefore have to request that you will write me promptly concerning this deposit.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CE:T

September 13, 1932

Josten Manufacturing Company,
Owatonna, Minnesota.

Gentlemen:

Referring to the two kings forwarded by you to this institution for purchase, please be advised that to date I have not received a letter of advice from you pertaining to this consignment. Deposits are not entered for treatment and purchase until a letter of advice has been received from the depositor and I therefore have to request that you write me promptly concerning this shipment.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

September 13, 1932

Mr. Harry Behoke,
561 Jackson Street,
Gary, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

I have recently received from you a bottle of sand but to date have not received a letter of advice covering this consignment. Before any action may be taken on this deposit, it is necessary that we have a letter of advice pertaining to same and I therefore have to request that you will write me promptly.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

QH:T

September 13, 1932

Mr. C. E. Pollman,
York, North Dakota.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a consignment bearing your name and address but to date have not received from you a letter of advice pertaining to this material. As deposits are not entered on our books for treatment until a letter of advice has been received, I have to request that you will write me promptly concerning this shipment.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

September 13, 1932

Mr. John M. Keck,
Dexter, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I have recently received from you a small box containing iron sulphide but to date have received no letter of advice concerning same.

This material is not acceptable for purchase by the Mint and if you desire it returned to you, kindly forward the necessary postage for that purpose, otherwise it will be thrown away.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:T

September 13, 1932

Mr. C. D. Williams,
Gunnison, Colorado. Box 415

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a small deposit from you, weighing upon receipt here $7/100$ of a troy ounce, and regret to advise you that the Mint can not purchase this small amount of gold - two full troy ounces being the very least amount accepted for purchase.

No letter of advice has been received from you covering this consignment and if you desire this material returned to you, please send me the necessary postage and insurance for that purpose.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

September 13, 1932

United Loan Bank,
119 West Main Street,
Enid, Oklahoma.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your recent consignment of industrial scrap, but before this material can be entered for treatment, it is necessary that we have a letter of advice from you pertaining to same. Kindly let me hear from you promptly regarding this deposit.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

September 13, 1932

Mr. Victor Austin, Vice President,
Anderson Brothers Bank,
Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 1st instant,
I have returned to you by insured mail the small nugget
forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using 13¢
of the 15¢ in postage enclosed with your letter for that
purpose and returning a 2¢ stamp herewith to balance.

Regretting that I was unable to be of assist-
ance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

September 15, 1932

Mr. Frank Lawler,
Hanksville, Utah.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 1st instant,
I have returned to you the small amount of gold forwarded
by you to this Mint for purchase, using $14\frac{1}{2}\%$ of the 20¢
in postage enclosed with your letter and returning $5\frac{1}{2}\%$
in stamps herewith to balance.

Regretting that I was unable to assist you in
this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:F

Enclosure

September 13, 1932

Mr. R. A. Leitch,
Sherman, Texas. Box 534

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 29th ultimo,
I have returned to you the amnigan forwarded by you to
this Mint for purchase, using the 21¢ enclosed with your
letter for that purpose.

Regretting that I was unable to assist you
in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

September 13, 1932

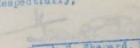
Mr. Thomas S. Newman,
504 South Locust Street,
Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 7th instant, I have returned to you by insured mail the medal forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using the 13¢ in postage enclosed with your letter for that purpose.

Regretting that I was unable to be of assistance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,


Frank H. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

September 15, 1932

Mr. J. M. Siegel, 227 W. Third St
 Mr. David Siegel, 114 E. " "
 Davenport, Iowa.

Gentlemen:

In further reference to your deposits of the 26th ultimo, I have to advise that a few days prior to the receipt of these deposits at the Mint, our receiving-weighing clerk, Mr. George Brierley, was stricken with heart disease and it was therefore necessary to put in charge of that room another man who has not had the same experience in handling deposits. The difficulties attending this change were further augmented by the fact that our deposits have increased about tenfold in the past two months which necessitated the placing in the receiving room of men from other departments who were without previous training in connection therewith to help in the work in order that deposits might be entered and treated as promptly as possible and that they might be paid for with as little delay and inconvenience to the depositors as circumstances would permit.

Owing to these circumstances, your names were transferred and your deposits entered in the same manner, thus causing a similar error in making payments for these two deposits. Therefore, the check for \$159.25, which should have been sent to Mr. David Siegel, was sent to Mr. J. M. Siegel, and the check for \$129.31, which should have been sent to Mr. J. M. Siegel, was sent to Mr. David Siegel, resulting in an over-payment to Mr. J. M. Siegel of the difference between these two checks, or \$29.94.

If Mr. J. M. Siegel will therefore kindly reimburse Mr. David Siegel in this amount, as he in his letter of the 10th instant has kindly consented to do, his kindness will be appreciated.

I regret extremely that this mishap should have occurred and I wish to take this occasion to express my appreciation of the courteous manner in which you gentlemen have accepted this mistake and also for your letters of the 10th instant in which you agree to do your part in correcting it.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shearer, Superintendent

September 13, 1922

Mr. M. L. Whitaker,
1718 Seventh Avenue,
Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 10th instant in which you state you are forwarding under separate cover a gold plated watch case for purchase by the Mint, I have to advise that your watch case weighs upon receipt here 98/100 of a troy ounce and the Mint does not accept deposits of this character in lots having a value under \$100.

As your watch case would not remotely approach that amount, I have to request that you will forward the necessary postage and insurance for its return to you, which I trust you will do at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OR:T

September, 13, 1922

Citizens State Bank,
Ouray, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 10th instant, please be advised that the Mint does not accept mined gold in lots having a weight under two full troy ounces, while yours just received weighs but 1.88 troy ounces.

If you can send sufficient additional gold to bring your deposit up to the required weight, I shall be glad to have you do so, otherwise, you are requested to forward the necessary postage and insurance for its return to you at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OR:T

September, 13, 1932

Citizens State Bank,
Ouray, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 10th instant, please be advised that the Mint does not accept mined gold in lots having a weight under two full troy ounces, while yours just received weighs but 1.28 troy ounces.

If you can send sufficient additional gold to bring your deposit up to the required weight, I shall be glad to have you do so, otherwise, you are requested to forward the necessary postage and insurance for its return to you at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

September 13, 1932

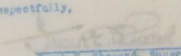
Mr. L. E. Walters,
U. S. Department of Agriculture,
Weather Bureau,
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 8th instant and in reply have to advise that I am unable to extend to you and your friends an invitation to visit the Mint at Denver as the Secretary of the Treasury has closed this institution to visitors for an indefinite period - no visiting having been permitted for several years past.

Regretting that I am unable to comply with your request, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

DENVER SEPTEMBER 14, 1932

D. E. DOCKEN
FT. MYERS FLORIDA

REURNS FORWARDED YOU TWELFTH INSTANT TO FORT MYERS
FLORIDA.

Superintendent Mint

Collect charges at Ft. Myers

September 14, 1932

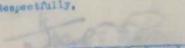
Mr. H. Fair,
5115 Colonial Avenue,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I have your card of the 9th instant forwarding \$1.00 to cover the melting charge on your rejected bar deposited at this Mint and am also in receipt of your second shipment weighing upon receipt here 4.05 troy ounces, and have to advise that the value contained in this last shipment is not sufficient to give your material the required value. I would suggest that you send not less than \$20.00 in good gold to be added thereto in order to meet this requirement.

I am therefore holding your consignments without treatment until further advised by you in the premises.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CHIT

September 14, 1932

Mr. J. C. Holliday,
2019 North Lamar,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 9th instant, I have to advise that all new coins are obtainable only through application to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D.C., as per the enclosed circular.

During the calendar year 1931, this Mint manufactured only the ten-cent piece and the one-cent bronze piece; during 1932 thus far, we have manufactured the 25¢ piece and one-cent bronze pieces.

All coinage of \$1.00 gold pieces, as well as \$3.00 gold pieces, and the three-cent nickel piece was discontinued by act of Congress in September, 1890, and the \$2.50 gold pieces were discontinued by act of Congress in April, 1930 - none of these coins being available at any of the Mints.

Trusting this is the information desired by you,

I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

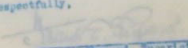
September 14, 1932

Mr. Joe Hoenigsmann,
Empress Theater,
Salida, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 12th instant and accompanying piece of rock and nugget, I have to advise that both of these articles are without value and unacceptable as a deposit at the Mint. You are therefore requested, at your earliest opportunity, to forward me the necessary postage for the return of these articles to you.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:V

September 14, 1932

Mr. Henry Josephson,
Rollinsville, Colorado.

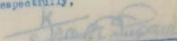
Dear Sir:

I have your note and consignment under date of the 10th instant, the latter weighing upon receipt here 1.82 troy ounces.

The Mint cannot accept deposits of placer gold having a weight under two full troy ounces and it will therefore be necessary for you to send not less than 20/100 of a troy ounce or more of gold to be added to this lot to render it acceptable for purchase.

Please advise me promptly regarding your wishes in this matter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

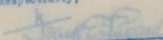
September 14, 1932

Triangle Gold Mining Company,
718 Fisk Building,
Amarillo, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of recent date in which you request to be advised if deposits of the nature covered by your letter were in form to be acceptable by the Mint, please be advised that it would be a great deal better if you would distill off the mercury such as was contained in your recent deposit, as the regulations do not permit us to accept consignments of unretorted amalgam and it would also decrease considerably the apparent loss in treating such material.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

September 14, 1932

Mr. Charles S. Morris,
219 East 4th Street,
Hutchinson, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of recent date, you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00, provided, such material contains at least one-fifth of its weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. If this proportion of the precious metals is doubtful, sufficient high grade silver should be included to make sure the deposit will meet this requirement. The Mint does not purchase platinum nor undertake to separate it from the other metals contained in the deposit for return to the depositor.

It is generally necessary to send from 7 to 15 ounces of gold containing 18 karats down to 8 karats to equal \$100.00 in value, and as the charges for separating and refining bullion are based on the amount of base metal contained in the deposit, the greater the proportion of high-grade gold, the less these charges will be. It is not necessary to melt the material into a bar before forwarding it to the Mint.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and the treatment charge above referred to, which varies from $\frac{1}{16}$ to $\frac{8}{16}$ per ounce, depending upon the amount of base metal contained in the deposit.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice and may be forwarded by insured parcel post, registered mail, or prepaid express, as the depositor may prefer.

There is no maximum limit as to number and value of deposits accepted and the Mint will purchase all consignments that comply with the regulations above outlined.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

September 14, 1932

Ballard Drug Company,
Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 12th instant, please be advised that upon receipt here this material has a gross weight of 6.09 troy ounces in lieu of 7.00 ounces as stated by you. This loss is undoubtedly due to the fact that your material has dried considerably since being shipped as it is still quite wet.

I would suggest that in future you distill off as much mercury as possible before forwarding your consignments to the Mint which is really not permitted to accept deposits of wet amalgam. Kindly advise if above weight is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

September 14, 1932

Mr. A. L. Gridley,
Hagerman, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 8th instant in which you request to be advised as to the extra charges in having gold coin forwarded you in payment of your deposits at the Mint instead of being paid by check, I have to advise that the only additional charge would be the required postage.

Should you desire gold coin in payment of your deposits, please so state in your letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:2

September 14, 1932

Mrs. Mary L. Cayer^{ed},
Mayer, Arizona.

Dear Madam:

Answering your letter of the 12th instant, please be advised that your shipment of July 26th was received here in good condition or you would have been advised to the contrary at the time you were informed that its weight was not in accord with the weight stated in your letter of advice.

When shipments are damaged in transit, it is not the duty of the Mint to collect from the Postoffice Department indemnity for such gold as may have been lost as, until consignments are purchased by the Mint, they are the property of the consignor and it is a matter of interest to them only to be reimbursed for any loss.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shoup, Superintendent

September 14, 1932

El Paso National Bank,
El Paso, Texas

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment No. 12361 for the account of Mrs. George H. Carrier, having a weight upon receipt here of 1.61 troy ounces, please be advised that two full troy ounces of gold is the very minimum accepted for purchase; provided, that such gold is mined gold and does not consist of manufactured articles.

It will be necessary therefore for Mrs. Carrier to increase this consignment to a full weight of two troy ounces, or it will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

September 14, 1932

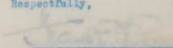
Mr. W. R. Knight,
Gooding, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your consignment under date of the 12th instant, weighing upon receipt here 1.34 troy ounces, please be advised that no deposits are accepted of placer gold having a weight under two full troy ounces.

If you can send the additional gold required to give your deposit the foregoing weight, I shall be glad to have you do so, otherwise, kindly send the necessary postage and insurance for its return to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

September 14, 1932

Dr. Wayne Clark,
1026 Donaghey Building,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of the 12th instant, you are advised that it usually requires about ten ounces of dental gold to have a value of \$100.00 but, of course, it depends entirely upon the amount of pure gold contained in the scrap of which you desire to dispose.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

GH:T

Stamped envelope returned

September 14, 1942

Tombstone Milling Company,
Tombstone, Arizona.

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of the 12th instant, I have to advise that the Mint is not purchasing silver at the present time unless it has an appreciable gold content, nor am I able to advise you to whom you could sell your silver unless perhaps to the American Smelting & Refining Company, or some such concern.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

September 14, 1932

Mrs. Edna Anderson,
518 North Logan Avenue,
Oakland, Nebraska.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 12th instant, please be advised that while gold is being found in many of the mountains and along the streams in the State of Colorado, it would be impossible for me to tell you just where you could find any deposits which are unclaimed at the present time, it being necessary that persons search the most likely places until their search is successful. By no means all of those who undertake such a hunt are successful in finding gold in paying quantities and unless you are experienced in such matters, I would not recommend that you come here for that purpose, especially this late in the summer as little time now remains before the snows will render work of this kind both difficult and fruitless.

Your stamped envelope is herewith returned.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

September 14, 1932

Messrs. Deald & Lee
 8720 South Pauline Street,
 Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sirs:

Answering your inquiry of recent date, you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00, provided such material contains at least one-fifth of its weight in pure gold, or pure gold and silver. If this proportion of the precious metals is doubtful, sufficient high grade silver should be included to make sure the deposit will meet this requirement. The Mint does not purchase platinum nor undertake to separate it from the other metals contained in the deposit for return to the depositor.

It is generally necessary to send from 7 to 15 ounces of gold containing 18 karats down to 8 karats to equal \$100.00 in value, and as the charges for separating and refining are based on the amount of base metal contained in the deposit, the greater the proportion of high-grade gold, the less these charges will be. It is not necessary to melt the material into a bar before forwarding it to the Mint.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting to 1000 ounces and the treatment charge above referred to, which varies from $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢ to $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ per ounce, depending upon the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

DEUTER

SEPTEMBER 15, 1932

LEMASTERS BOOKS
WHITWOOD SOUTH DAKOTA.

AM HOLDING ONE CHECK SEVENTY FOUR DOLLARS FOR YOUR
ACCOUNT WILL ADD ADDITIONAL ONE TO BE FORWARDED BY YOU AND IF
TOTAL TWO DOLLARS WILL PURCHASE SAME.

Superintendent DIST

Collect charges at Whitewood

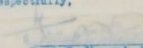
September 16, 1932

Mr. Allen Partain,
Kansas, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 12th instant,
please be advised that the Mint is not equipped to make
analyses of mineral bearing specimens, otherwise, I
would be glad to have you send your specimens here for
examination.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

September 18, 1932

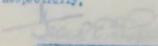
Mr. Edwin C. Smith,
1316 Cherokee Street, Apt. 2,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Smith:

I have been advised by the Chief, Division of
Appointments that you have been granted an annuity of
\$1,086.72 per annum as a former employee of this insti-
tution, commencing July 1, 1932.

With best wishes, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OW:T

September 15, 1932

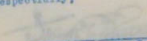
Mr. J. A. Eldridge,
Florence, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 14th instant, you are advised that depositors do not have to send their leases to the Mint for examination, although consignments should be accompanied by a letter of advice which should state the source from which the gold has been obtained and if they are the owner, superintendent, or lessee on the property from which the gold has been produced.

The Mint accepts mined gold in lots as small as two troy ounces, provided, such consignments contain at least two ounces of gold.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

September 15, 1933

Krigel Diamond Shop,
548 Minnesota Avenue,
Kansas City, Kansas.

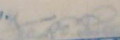
Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter and consignment under date of the 13th instant, I have to advise that your solid gold appears to be suitable for acceptance by the Mint but it does not appear advisable to add thereto any of the filled ware or silver forwarded by you.

I am therefore proceeding to treat this solid gold and am returning you your filled ware, weighing 49.18 troy ounces, and your silver, weighing 7.57 troy ounces. In order to render these two lots acceptable for purchase, it would require the addition thereto of fully 15 ounces of high-grade silver and several ounces of good gold - the first being necessary to offset the large amount of base metal contained in these two lots and the gold to give the mass a value of \$100.

Trusting that my action in this matter is satisfactory to you, I am

Respectfully,


Frank X. Shepard, Superintendent

September 15, 1932

M. Evans Pawn Shop,
115 North Beaton Street,
Corsicana, Texas.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 12th instant enclosing money order for \$1.00 to cover the melting charges on your rejected bar at this institution and have also received the following lots which you desire added to your bar in lieu of the fifteen ounces of high-grade silver as requested in my letter to you of the 8th instant:

Filled ware	-	3.06	troy ounces
Gold	-	2.00	" "
Silver	-	9.36	" "
Amalgam	-	2.20	" "

I regret to say that the pure metal content of your silver and the three other lots is not sufficient to raise the pure metal content of your rejected bar and put it in shape to meet the requirements of the Mint.

In order that you may fully understand the reasons which caused your bar to be rejected, I have to say that it needs 15 ounces of high-grade silver or gold to give it at least 200 assay parts out of a possible 1000 in the precious metals, and from an examination of the last lots forwarded by you, it appears that in the four lots there is not sufficient pure metal to give your deposit that fineness as there is considerable base metal in three of the last lots forwarded by you.

I am quite sure that should I proceed to treat your consolidated lots the resultant bar would be rejected for the same reason that caused the first bar to be rejected, and I would have to impose another melting charge thereon.

I would suggest that you send 7 or 8 ounces more of high-grade silver to be added to your various lots in order that the mass may have a pure precious metal content of not less than one fifth of its weight which would equal 200 assay parts.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

September 15, 1932

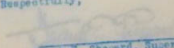
Mr. B. C. Clark,
39 North Robinson,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 13th instant, please be advised that check in payment of your deposit was mailed you on the 12th instant and no doubt it is in your hands at this time.

In this connection, I have to state that it has not been possible to treat deposits and issue payment with our usual promptitude, owing to the fact that there has been a great increase in the number of deposits at the Mint which has necessitated considerable delay in making payments.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

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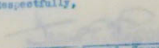
September 15, 1932

Mr. George E. Hicks,
Telluride, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 14th instant relative to the deposit forwarded here on the 6th instant by Frank Fedel, I have to advise that as requested in his letter of advice, payment for this bullion was forwarded you at Telluride under date of the 13th instant, in amount \$67.30.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

September 15, 1932

Mr. A. C. Parsons,
Grand Junction, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the gold described in the first paragraph of your letter of the 13th instant, which has a total weight of 8.48 troy ounces, I have to advise that it is doubtful if this material will contain a value of \$100.00 which is the minimum amount accepted for purchase, although if the button of placer gold, which you desire treated separately, could be added thereto, the entire lot would make an acceptable deposit.

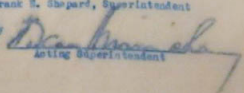
In regard to the button which you state weighs 38 penny-weights, I have to advise that upon receipt here its weight is 1.85 troy ounces and as two full troy ounces is the very least amount of placer gold accepted for purchase, this could not be treated individually, in which case it would be impossible for me to inform you as to the value contained therein.

Please advise me if you wish all this gold consolidated into one deposit and one memorandum of returns made you thereon.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

September 15, 1932

Citizens State Bank,
Ouray, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 12th instant, which you state has a weight of approximately 24 ounces, I have to advise that upon receipt here your material weighs 21.01 troy ounces and before proceeding to treat same, I have to request that you will advise me if this weight is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

September 16, 1932

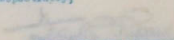
Dr. Melvin Lloyd Kent,
Mesa, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 12th instant and under separate cover your small button, weighing upon receipt here 26/100 of a troy ounce and consisting of industrial scrap and have to advise that gold of this character is not purchased by the Mint in lots having a value under \$100.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance this gold will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank H. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

September 16, 1932

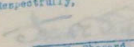
Mr. J. E. Williams,
C/o E.M.S. - Ward E,
Hot Springs, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 12th instant,
I have this day returned to you by insured mail the small
amount of gold forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase,
using 15¢ of the 18¢ in postage enclosed with your letter
for that purpose and returning herewith 5¢ in stamps to
balance.

Regretting that I could not be of service to you
in this matter, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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Enclosure

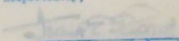
September 16, 1932

State National Bank,
El Paso, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 13th instant, No. 66239, consisting of Mexican coin the value of which you state to be approximately \$1500, I have advise that upon receipt here these coins have a face value of 2500 pesos, or \$1250, but before proceeding to treat them I would appreciate your advising me if this latter value is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

September 16, 1932

George Kadin Company,
314 Empire Building,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment No. 102 received here on the 3rd instant, I have to advise that this material weighs 245.34 troy ounces instead of 262 ounces as stated on your invoice.

Please advise me if the weight as found here is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

September 16, 1932

Dr. L. K. Painter,
Lamar National Bank Building,
Lamar, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 12th instant, I have this day returned to you by insured parcel post the small amount of gold forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using 13¢ of the 15¢ enclosed with your letter for that purpose and returning here a two-cent stamp to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of service to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

September 16, 1932

Mr. Lester A. Lomberson,
Lander, Wyoming, Box 446.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request of the 12th instant, I have this day returned to you by insured mail the small amount of gold forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using 19¢ of the 27¢ in postage enclosed with your letter for that purpose, and returning 7¢ in stamps herewith to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of service to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shoard, Superintendent

OE:T
Enclosure

September 16, 1932

Mr. John M. Keck,
Dexter, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request of the 12th instant, I have this day returned to you by first class mail the small box containing iron sulphide forwarded by you to this Mint, using the 6¢ in postage enclosed with your letter for that purpose.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

September 16, 1932

Greenlee Placer Company,
Attention: Mr. H. T. Herivel,
Morenci, Arizona.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 13th instant, weighing upon receipt here 1.76 troy ounces instead of approximately 2 ounces as stated by you, I regret to advise that this gold can not be purchased by the Mint as such deposits must have a weight of two full troy ounces.

If you can send the additional gold necessary to give your material the required weight of two troy ounces, I shall be glad to have you do so, otherwise please send me the necessary postage and insurance for its return to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

September 16, 1932

Mr. Reed Cruser,
504 1/2 South State Street,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 13th instant,
please be advised that returns are usually made on de-
posits at this institution in about six days after their
receipt here, due allowance being made for intervening
Sundays and holidays.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CR:T

